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Department of Conservation Status Report

Week beginning: 4 May 2020

Seen by Hon Eugenie Sage
Minister of Conservation

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Status Report

The Status Report has relatively little content with DOC staff in lockdown and activities being limited. With the continuing fluidity around the COVID-19 response, and the regular contact you are having with the Director-General, we are not yet including his diary.

1 Standing and Priority Items

1.1 DOC's response to COVID-19

- Since the transition to Alert Level 3 some limited fieldwork has resumed, however most staff remain working from home.
- Approved field work underway this week includes health checks and urgent transmitter checks on priority species such as kiwi and kākāpō, and checking of predator fencing and nursery maintenance to reduce the risk of losing valuable plant stock.
- Operations staff are carrying out safety checks of front country roads, tracks and assets.
- The national IMT structure has now transitioned to a smaller national Task Force and is focused on determining how DOC needs to operate under AL2 and how it would be implemented by staff, partners and visitors to public conservation land.
- The wellbeing of our staff continues to be a priority, including supporting them to work from home and where possible to get back into the field.
- We will continue to ensure that DOC is linked in to All-of-Government and that requests for assistance are efficiently triaged and responded to.

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2 Updates

2.1 Tourism sector initiative lead by Tourism New Zealand

- Tourism New Zealand (TNZ) has provided a second draft of the cabinet paper for our feedback.
- The second draft has taken positive steps to include our initial feedback.
- There are a few key areas that we feel would benefit from additional refinement. These areas are:

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- Officials will continue to keep you up to date with further details on this matter.

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2.2 Okura Bush Scenic Reserve, commencement of works

- In March 2019 DOC began undertaking kauri dieback mitigation works and track re-route in the Okura Bush Scenic Reserve.
- The local community, including MP Erica Stanford, declined to support DOC's track work.
- The track work was paused to enable further consultation and a review of the community relationship. An independent survey of 500 users was undertaken with 91% of respondents being in favour of the track being re-opened, supporting the plans or not feeling strongly.
- We developed a Code of Conduct with the community group to ensure appropriate communication. DOC has incorporated many of the suggestions posed by the group into the work plan.
- We consulted the Okura community group on the proposed works, and they support the track re-route. However, the group continues to question the kauri dieback mitigation methods.
- DOC continues to support the group's trapping efforts.
- The group has been notified of the importance of completing the work before winter and that the work will begin under Alert Level 3 in the coming weeks.
- We will provide an update on progress as needed.

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2.3 Quantitative Risk Assessment Cape Kidnappers

- Access to the Cape Kidnappers gannet colony via the beach has been closed since January 2019 following a significant landslide that seriously injured two overseas visitors.

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2.5 Toyota Kiwi Guardians (TKG), Backyard Promotion

- As part of DOC's wider 'Let Nature In' programme of work, DOC and Toyota recognised an opportunity to support NZ families at home during COVID-19 lockdown and repurposed Toyota Kiwi Guardians (TKG) for the 'at home' environment.
- DOC and Toyota have developed a new 6–12 week promotion focussing on the TKG Action Medal experience that builds connections with the natural world, and highlights all the great nature-based activities kiwi kids can do at home. These include kids mapping their own backyard, planting seeds, undertaking a bird survey and building a wētā hotel.
- Promotion of TKG Actions is taking place through DOC and Toyota's social media channels, print media, influencers and weekly electronic newsletters.
- Interest in this promotion has been significant and we are currently in discussion with several television programmes keen to showcase TKG. The first media interview took place on 29 April and will be shown on TV3's The Café on Monday 4 May.

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2.6 Getting outdoors during COVID-19

- There is an agreed All-of-Government approach to use <https://covid19.govt.nz/> as the official information source, and directory.
- We have committed extensive work into giving both guidance and advice on the outdoors during COVID-19. Some examples are:
 - DOC's response to COVID-19: www.doc.govt.nz/news/issues/covid-19/
 - COVID-19 and Hunting: www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/hunting/covid-19-and-hunting/
 - Home activity suggestions to boost wellbeing: www.doc.govt.nz/let-nature-in.
- To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are telling people to choose a quiet location close to home, keep a safe distance from others and follow all government guidance.
- The DOC website remains our single source of truth for allowable activities (on PCL) and safety information under level 3 and beyond.

Other information sources not endorsed by agencies

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Let Nature In

- We are using the 'Let Nature In' campaign to add positive mental health messaging on both our website and social media.
- The DOC website has a lot of content dedicated to letting nature in while you're self-isolating at home. We are repackaging this existing content and developing new content as part of the campaign.
- Research shows time spent outdoors is important for our health and wellbeing, it boosts our immune system and reduces stress and anxiety. Our analytics show that traffic to this content on the website has increased during lockdown.

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3 Addendum

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- Update on funding request
- Motutapu possible archaeological disturbance
- Kaitorete Court proceedings



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Week beginning: 11 May 2020

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1 Standing and Priority Items

1.1 DOC's response to COVID-19

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- Approved fieldwork underway this week includes health checks and urgent transmitter checks on priority species such as kiwi and kākāpō and checking of predator fencing and nursery maintenance to reduce the risk of losing valuable plant stock.
- Operations staff are carrying out safety checks of front country roads, tracks and assets.
- The national COVID Task Force has developed guidance determining how DOC needs to operate at Alert Level 2 and how that would be implemented by staff, partners and visitors to public conservation land.
- The practical application of these guidelines has been developed by the business, for approval by the Task Force, which ensures alignment with All-of-Government guidelines. A final package outlining what Alert Level 2 looks like for DOC, and how it can be implemented by staff, will be delivered to staff via leader-led communication upon announcement of Alert Level 2 by the Prime Minister.
- The wellbeing of our staff continues to be a priority, including supporting them to work from home and, where possible, to get back into the field.
- We will continue to ensure that DOC is linked in to All-of-Government and that requests for assistance are efficiently triaged and responded to.

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2 Updates

2.1 Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan

- The Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan (CCAAP) is being prepared for publication. A launch of the CCAAP is being planned, with your involvement. We will engage with your office when the document has been produced to identify an appropriate time for the launch.
- The CCAAP was socialised in confidence with the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) on 17 April 2020. We will keep the NZCA and regional Conservation Boards up to date on progress in, and take into account feedback on, the implementation of the CCAAP.
- The Ministry for the Environment has now established an inter-agency group for climate change adaptation, which DOC is an active participant in, consisting of approximately 30 other central government agencies. The CCAAP and its process of development has been socialised within this working group.
- DOC's Climate Change Adaptation team is currently undertaking a risk assessment process to support the mid-term recovery planning for the Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Park areas following the February flood events.
- The team has begun work to develop dynamic adaptive pathway plans (DAPP) for threatened native species (frog, lizard, and hoiho) and alpine huts in Aoraki National Park (Kelman and Tasman Huts). Learnings from this work will support the development of climate change tools and guidance.
- A climate change research strategy is being developed by DOC to underpin the CCAAP. This strategy will be used to identify gaps and priorities to guide internal research and leverage external investment.

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2.2 Undaria spread in Breaksea Sound

- On 16 April 2020 a report was provided to DOC from a local Fiordland fisherman of two mature *Undaria pinnatifida* individuals that were found growing on rock lobster pot lines at Breaksea Island, Breaksea Sound.
- Subsequent photographs confirmed the positive identification of *Undaria*.
- This discovery is outside the current known distribution of *Undaria* within Breaksea Sound. Previously the invasive seaweed was restricted to the inner confines of Breaksea Sound, where Environment Southland, DOC and Biosecurity New Zealand have been controlling the population since 2010.
- This find suggests that there is likely to be a significant population of *Undaria* around Breaksea Island.
- However, until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted sufficiently to allow divers to visit Breaksea Island, it will be difficult to confirm the status.
- At this stage the *Undaria* elimination programme in Chalky Inlet is still on track, but due to COVID-19 restrictions it has not been possible to visit the area.
- We will be able to provide more accurate information once we are able to carry out a surveillance trip.

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2.3 Kiwi Deaths at Pukaha

- Three dead adult kiwi have been found at Pukaha.
- The birds have injuries that are consistent with ferret predation.
- Trapping at Pukaha was suspended during COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown and recommenced with the move to Level 3.
- The birds were found two days after recommencing trapping activity. It is estimated that the deaths had occurred two to three days earlier.
- The Pukaha Mount Bruce Board manage the Pukaha restoration project and engage contractors and volunteers to trap the unfenced 942 ha reserve.
- DOC staff are currently helping Pukaha to ensure all traps in the reserve are serviced and functioning.
- A range of tools including live traps and cameras are being used to trap the ferret.

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2.4 Stoat in Inner Hauraki Gulf

- A stoat was detected on Motukorea / Browns Island (Auckland Council managed) on 18 March and Auckland Council has advised efforts to remove it have not been successful.
- It was not detected for several weeks after that, but the Auckland Council mustelid dog team detected it again on 22 April on Motukorea.
- In the time it was undetected DOC feared it had swum to DOC-managed Motutapu or Motuihe Islands and we were planning a mustelid dog search of those islands.
- Now that the stoat presence is again confirmed on Motukorea, the mustelid dog team has been stood down for searches of Motutapu and Motuihe.
- Auckland Council is continuing to manage the incursion on Motukorea, with a DOC stoat expert contributing technical advice. Illegal public landings on this island during COVID-19 Levels 4 and 3 may have hindered the removal of this animal.

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2.5 Restricted access to Whanganui River Road

- Whanganui District Council (WDC) has restricted access of the Whanganui River Road to residents, allowing essential and emergency services only.
- This is restricting public access to the Atene Skyline Track. This has caused confusion around the interpretation of Central Government COVID-19 guidelines versus local control measures put in place by the Civil Defence – Emergency Operation Centre.
- Iwi partners support the restrictions as they help protect vulnerable community members living in the small and isolated Whanganui River Road communities.
- Whanganui River Road also forms part of the Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail, although numbers are naturally low on the trail at this time.
- We are supporting restrictions on the road by ensuring only staff members who live locally carry out any work that is required in the area.

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3 Director-General Engagements

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May

8 May	Senior Leaders hui
15 May	Tourism CE meeting
19 May	Business Leaders H&S Forum - Supporting CEOs through Covid-19
20 May	Climate Change CE Board and Sustainability
21 May	State Services Leadership Retreat
25 May	Speaking to Rotary Group
28 May	Warren and Mahoney "thought leaders" lecture series
29 May	Safety Learning Day with South Westland DOC team

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- Whanganui Journey hut occupancy

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1 Standing and Priority Items

1.1 DOC's response to COVID-19

- DOC has successfully transitioned to Alert Level 2, using the framework developed by the national COVID Task Force.
- Regional and district offices and visitor centres are being reopened and many staff are continuing to return to the field and to offices, as soon as they have completed health and safety training to ensure they meet public health guidelines.
- Hunting permits and hut bookings are back online, with hut capacity capped at 10 people, as per government Alert Level 2 guidelines for gatherings.
- DOC is revising the way it works in regard to offices and travel under Alert Level 2, to ensure we can continue to operate more sustainably and secure the benefits gained during the lockdown. Initially approximately two thirds of office based staff will continue to work from home during Alert Level 2.
- The wellbeing of our staff continues to be a priority, including supporting them to work from home and, where possible, to get back into the field.
- Leadership of DOC's COVID response will transition from the national COVID Task Force into the People Group from 22 May.

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1.3 RMA Advocacy Update

DOC's recent RMA work is as follows:

Submissions

Otago Regional Proposed Water Permits Plan Change 7 (short term consents)

- We lodged a submission in the week of 11 May on the Otago Regional Council (ORC) short term plan change 7 relating to water takes. You and the Minister for the Environment were jointly briefed on this matter in February.
- At the request of ORC, the Minister for the Environment has called in the plan change, by directing the Environment Court to consider and decide plan change 7 alongside plan changes 1 (Waste) and 8 (Water Quality). The current submission period closed on 4 May. The Court will issue a Notice of Direction for a further submission period on plan change 7. We can make a second submission to the Court if we consider we have anything further to raise. The following deficiencies have been identified so far, for any consents which might be in scope of this plan change.
 - Non-application of Regional Plan Water Schedule 2 minimum flows.
 - Lack of consideration of deemed permit priorities and their hydrological implications for river flow / freshwater ecosystems and species sustainability.
 - Lack of reference to threatened non-migratory galaxiids and other threatened freshwater values as a policy matter and rule matter of control.
 - Non-complying rule 10A.3.2 lacks policy detail to guide consenting, and currently has weak justification for the maximum term proposed (expiring 31 December 2035).
 - Some improvements and clarifications to the policies and definitions could also be made.
- Overall, however, the plan change does give effect to the Minister for the Environment's direction, so our submission supports the intent of the plan change.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency application to Southland Regional Council

- We lodged a submission on 6 May supporting, in part, a proposal by the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (WKNZTA) to remove part of a small swamp to construct a new roundabout on State Highway One, and a new road to the Clifton industrial area in Invercargill. WKNZTA is proposing to offset the loss of the swamp by restoring to swamp an area of the same size, adjacent to the remaining swamp. DOC, Te Ao Marama (the local iwi representative body) and WKNZTA are proposing to work together to ensure the successful restoration of the swamp.

Appeals

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

- We lodged an appeal on 8 May on decisions of the Marlborough District Council on its proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (pMEP).
- The pMEP (originally notified for submissions in May 2016) reviews and combines the existing resource management plans, including the coastal plan, and the regional policy statement for the Marlborough District. Council hearings were held between February 2018 and February 2019, with the council formally notifying decisions on 20 February this year.
- The notice of appeal:
 - Seeks changes to the biodiversity offsetting policy to align this with the principles of offsetting and the Government guidance on this issue.

- Seeks to change or amend the Appendix 3 Biodiversity Criteria for Significance in order to improve clarity of the criteria, particularly its application in the marine area, and consequential changes as required to the associated Policy 8.1.1.
- Seeks change to a permitted activity rule for existing instream structures to ensure that fish passage is provided at all existing structures, not only those that are being repaired, altered or replaced.
- Seeks updates or corrections to the Ecologically Significant Marine Sites mapped overlay, and the Coastal Natural Character mapped overlay and associated Appendix 2.
- Appeals closed on 8 May and we will have until 9 June to join and become a party to appeals lodged by other parties.

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2 Updates

2.1 Land use consent to undertake afforestation at Fairlight

- The Southland District Council (SDC) received an application for consent to plant Douglas fir, *Pinus radiata* and a species of hybrid pine on 15 November 2019. A request for further information was made by the council and a draft decision was released on 20 February this year.
- The council used the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry Regulations 2017 (NESP) and the Wilding Tree Risk Calculator (WTRC) under regulation 11 of these standards to assess the application. Use of the process deemed the consent application as a non-notifiable consent.
- DOC, as a neighbouring landowner, holds concerns with SDC's assessment of the application as non-notifiable, due to the invasive nature of the species proposed, and the potential impacts on the surrounding environment.
- We are seeking legal advice regarding the council's response to this application for consent, and will keep you apprised of the situation.

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2.2 Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance partnership with The Nature Conservancy

- The Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance is an alliance of iwi, local government and DOC across the Top of the South Island. Its vision is that:
our extraordinary natural heritage is flourishing, having been restored over large areas, including where people live. People live, care for, and benefit from the environment in ways that bolster natural ecology together with the communities that live within it.
- At the alliance's hui on 3 March, The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Director presented on TNC's work and the potential strengths it could bring to the alliance. This was well received, and we put a proposal to TNC to programme manage the alliance strategy.
- The proposal will enable the alliance to maintain governance of the programme while being guided by a TNC programme coordinator, who would link the alliance to TNC's successfully proven international experience of landscape conservation.

- TNC has accepted the alliance's proposal in principle, identifying the following support:
 - Experience, processes, and global connections in landscape scale planning and implementation.
 - Connection with similar projects in other countries for shared learning experiences and capability development.
 - Access to innovative tools to support communities in achieving their conservation aspirations, particularly in relation to land-use change.
 - Approaches to coastal restoration, such as coastal wetlands restoration and shellfish restoration.
 - Exploration of sustainable financing approaches for delivering conservation outcomes.
 - Assistance from New Zealand-based professional major gift fundraisers to help identify new potential donors for the alliance, develop relationships with them, solicit donations and steward those gifts.
 - Access to TNC's global network of 400-600 fundraisers
 - Fundraising advice and capacity building for alliance members and associated partners.
 - Support in coordinating the alliance's fundraising activities with key funders/donors.
 - Support from TNC legal and financial networks
 - Hosting alliance stories, projects and resources on the TNC website.
- We are now working on the detailed agreement and will likely make a joint announcement with TNC, once approved, within the next four to eight weeks.

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- Molesworth Update
- Update the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

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1 Standing and Priority Items

1.1 DOC's response to COVID-19

- Following the successful transition to Alert Level 2, DOC's national COVID-19 Task Force will be stood down as of 22 May 2020.
- Post 22 May, the DDG tasked by the DG with the leadership and coordination of DOC's Covid-19 response work is Ginny Baddeley (DDG People).
- Ongoing work will include internal and external communications, maintaining AoG liaison, supporting and leading ongoing management.
- The wellbeing of our staff continues to be a priority, including supporting them to work from home and where possible to get back into the field.

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2 Updates

2.1 Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan restart

- The Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan was placed on hold in February 2019, to allow DOC and Ngāi Tahu time to understand the implications of the Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki Supreme Court decision.
- DOC, Ngāi Tahu and the Canterbury/Aoraki Conservation Board have agreed to a restart of the plan review and DOC and Ngāi Tahu will be releasing a media statement in the week beginning 25 May.
- The work that was done on the draft plan prior to it being put on hold will not be lost, including submissions received on the original draft.
- The new review will provide the opportunity to address issues relevant to the planning context arising over the last 12 months, including:
 - Implications of the Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki Supreme Court decision.
 - Impacts of extreme weather events on access and management within the park.
 - Issues raised by submitters on the first draft plan.

- Consideration of National Policy, e.g. Carbon Zero and its implications for park management.
- We will provide you with an update on the Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan review shortly.

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2.3 Remarkables Ski Area access road toll

- NZSki intends to continue charging a toll for the Remarkables Ski Area access road, outside the approved time limit of the summer trial.

- DOC approved a \$10 fee for vehicle use of the access road during the summer months, 16 December to 30 April each year.
- Search and Rescue, Police, Queenstown Lakes District Council and DOC continue to have free access, when using the road on official business.
- The public has free foot access to the Remarkables Conservation Area and Rastus Burn Recreation Reserve.
- The access road to the ski area, and DOC-managed land in the Remarkables, is not a public road. The start of the road is a public right-of-way easement across private land owned by NZSki, and the middle and upper sections are easements held by NZSki across public conservation land.
- Under the terms of the easements, NZSki is entitled to impose a toll/fee for vehicles, but the fee cannot be charged without DOC approval of the proposed fee as reasonable.
- DOC agreed that the \$10 fee was reasonable on a trial basis for summer 2020, with the opportunity to review it at the end of the season.
- On 30 April, NZSki advised DOC that it believes the trial was a success, and it intends to continue charging the toll during the entire period that the area is not operating as a commercial ski field, without further DOC negotiation.
- DOC's approval was until 30 April and, therefore, NZSki no longer has permission to charge a fee.
- We have requested that NZSki seeks our permission to extend the toll season, and to remove the toll temporarily while we assess the impact of a longer toll period.
- DOC needs to consider the impact on visitors to the area, whether the amount and duration of extension is reasonable, and NZSki's rationale before deciding on an extended toll period.
- There will be significant public interest in any decision to approve an extended toll period. DOC recognises the potential tensions and concerns, and will make clear our expectations of NZSki's communication to stakeholders if an extension is approved.

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2.4 Charleston land purchase

- On 16 March, Buller District Council (BDC) offered for sale by tender 13 parcels of abandoned land near Charleston.
- The land was declared abandoned by BDC after a long history of non-payment of rates.
- One parcel contained two separate freehold titles surrounded by scenic reserve land.
- Neither title, issued in the 1880's, had legal access.
- DOC acquired the surrounding scenic reserve land from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) in 2002, with funding support from the Nature Heritage Fund.
- If a party other than the Crown acquired this land, it would present significant difficulties in providing formable, legal access to the land and would risk the ecological and management integrity of the scenic reserve area.
- DOC, therefore, submitted a tender to BDC to purchase the parcel of land.
- The tender of \$50,000 (Inc GST) was successful and is being funded by the Oceania Mining Compensation Fund.
- Settlement for this acquisition will occur in the week of 25 May.

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2.5 Dulux / Doc Sponsorship Agreement Extension

- Renewal of the Dulux Agreement between DOC and Dulux was disrupted by the Covid-19 response. On 13 May, a variation to the existing Dulux-DOC Sponsorship Agreement was executed, which extended the term of the partnership by six months.
- This variation allows time for both parties to complete a thorough process to ensure the relationship is covered by a renewed formal agreement.
- In consideration of the extension, and noting the uncertain times for Dulux as a business, Dulux will provide the equivalent of six months' paint quota to DOC which will allow our BAU painting activity to continue without any additional cost – effectively maintaining the status quo while the renewal is completed.

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2.6 Stoat detected on Motutapu Island

- On 20 May, rangers found stoat tracks at Administration Bay on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf.
- A dead takahē was also found on the island on the same day.
- These findings were discovered when rangers returned to their duties under Alert Level 2.
- We are investigating the death of the takahē to see if it is related to the presence of the stoat.
- An incident response team has been established to manage the response. This includes a technical advisory team to provide advice to guide the response.
- Initial steps include re-baiting trap lines around the site. A conservation dog is likely to be taken to the island during the week of 25 May to search for sign of the stoat.
- Mana whenua Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki is supporting the response, including providing staff on the ground, participating in the daily incident response team and supporting public communications.
- DOC issued a media release on 22 May to inform the public of the incursion.

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26 May	Risk and Assurance meeting
26 May	Alison Andrew, Transpower
27 May	Peter Lennox, Metservice
28 May	Warren and Mahoney "thought leaders" lecture series
29 May	Safety Learning Day with South Westland DOC team

June

4 June	Tourism CE quarterly meeting
4 June	Gulf Island Trust Chairs meeting
11 June	The Fenwick Forum
17 June	Corporate Career Board
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