



East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board

Annual Report

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2007-2008 has been a busy year for the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board.

A key function of the Board is to recommend the approval by the NZ Conservation Authority of Conservation Management Strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies. Regretfully the completion of the Conservation Management Strategy is for next year but the end is in sight, with a draft document, modelled on the Bay of Plenty CMS, expected by July 2008. Board members took part in CMS workshops for Cook's Landing, Marine Protected Areas, Raukumara Forest Park and Lowland Reserves during the past year. They look forward to seeing the Conservation Management Strategy process move towards the public consultation phase and to completion in the next year.

With respect to the board's role to advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process the board has contributed submissions on several national and regional consultation documents: We have:

- Supported the classification of Deer, Thar, Chamois and Pigs as pests.
- Supported the Government's entry into The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water & Sediments
- Made a submission to the Ministry of Fisheries consultation on a National Plan of Action: Sharks. The board urged that sharks should be landed whole with full utilisation of the carcass.
- Made a submission to the Ministry of Fisheries consultation on the National Plan of Action: Seabirds and the Seabird Standard in which the Board urged that the government implement stringent controls to fishing practices in order to drastically reduce the numbers of seabirds killed in commercial fisheries.
- Written to Regional and District Councils and to Federated Farmers urging reduction of practices which cause loss of whitebait spawning habitat and loss of fish passage.
- Written to Regional Councils urging that deer be listed as pests in their Pest Management Strategies.
- Continued with our advocacy with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to promote a programme of control of Old Man's Beard at Tuai.
- Supported the Department of Conservation's proposals for changing the building code for back country huts.

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and Board members have been glad to hear from interested members of the community during the Public Forum section of several of the year's meetings. We have valued the opportunity to be informed both about conservation gains achieved by private individuals and community groups and about local conservation issues.

In order to bring public attention to the work and concerns of the Board it was decided that, when appropriate, the board should release statements to the press. In this manner the board was able to publicise the "Check, Clean, Dry" message for prevention of transfer of aquatic weeds such as Hydrilla and Didymo, bring to public attention the issue of uncontrolled dogs at the Ahuriri wetland reserve near Napier and make comment on the problem of increasing deer damage in our forests. By linking the loss of vegetation

they cause to a loss of the ability of forests to sequester carbon we were able to link the issue to World Environment Day.

This year the board has examined ways to communicate effectively between board meetings and has trialled the use of “Campfire”, an internet based discussion site.

Issues discussed in this manner by some of the board included:

- The Roles of the Board
- Feedback to the Conservator by members on DoC’s Statement of Intent, 2008
- The Board’s stance on any future proposals for Hydro development within Conservation Lands
- Proposals to improve ATV access to the Motu River via Otipi Rd

Another focus for the board this year has been a consideration of its running costs. In an effort to cut the costs of travel and accommodation the board decided that it would trial replacing one of its scheduled meetings with a teleconference to workshop the CMS. In addition, it was decided that the majority of meetings would be held in Gisborne so as to reduce travel by staff to the meetings. Such a decision does, however, mean that members who live a long way away have a lot of travelling to do.

The practice of keeping the Board updated on activities within the conservancy was continued from last year. In December John Adams, Programme Manager, Biodiversity Assets for the Hawke’s Bay Area Office, updated us on efforts to enhance populations of Kokako, Robin, and Kiwi at Boundary Stream Mainland Island as well as other work in the Kawekas, Ruahines and in Lowland Reserves and the Te Angiangi Marine Reserve. The following day a visit to whitebait spawning enhancement sites at the mouth of the Tukituki and to White Pine Bush Scenic Reserve gave board members an in depth appreciation of work in these areas.

In Opotiki Acting Area Manager, Matt Cook, gave an overview of DoC work in the Northern Te Urewera Mainland Island, the Waioueka Scenic Reserve and problems with off-road vehicles on beaches. A field visit to Tirohanga Beach enabled the board to examine areas where dotterel nesting is endangered by the use of ATV’s on beaches.

In Gisborne Jamie Quirk, Programme Manager for Gisborne Area Office, updated the board on the wide range of activities and sites in this very large part of the conservancy. Of particular note was the successful partnership with landowners in the headwaters of the Motu area to increase Weka populations.

During the year the board were briefed on various activities within the Conservancy by staff: Kirsty Gaddum gave a presentation on the activities of Weedbusters, Pam Robinson told us how Concessions are processed, and Dave Carlton informed the board about the growing problem with increasing deer numbers in the Raukumara Forest park and DoC’s strategy to deal with this problem.

Support for a review on the use of Mountain Bikes on Conservation Estate was sought by the department. The Board and staff from the Department supported the review.

In keeping with the Board’s ongoing concern with vegetation clearance issues the Board were given a presentation on “On and off-site impacts of gully erosion” of the Gisborne District by Dr Michael Marden.

During the year Board members Richard Tumare and Zack Makore attended a hui organised by Bay of Plenty Conservation Board for neighbouring Conservation Boards to discuss the CMS review process and Maori Leadership in Conservation and Key Messages from the hui held in 2006.

As Chairperson I was fortunate to be able to attend the Conservation Board Chairperson's Conference as well as a Pukenga Atawhai training course at Waitetoko Marae, at Te Rangi-ita. I found the experience deeply informative and rewarding.

Regretfully, this year sees the departure from the board of Liz Remmerswaal, who has served the board well for her year's appointment and leaves us in order to devote more time to her Councillor's role at Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Ronald Nepe ends his three year term and leaves to devote more time to his work.

It is with some regret that I announce my retirement from the board at the end of August 2008. I would like to thank the Conservator and the Conservancy staff for their valuable assistance during my time on the board. I would also like to thank members of the board who have supported me in my role as Chairperson. I wish the board well in its endeavours in the coming year.



Mary Campbell
CHAIRPERSON
EAST COAST HAWKE'S BAY CONSERVATION BOARD

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The following board members were appointed by the Minister of Conservation to the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board.

Chairperson:	Mary Campbell, Wairoa
Deputy Chairperson:	Beverley Fullerton-Smith, Hastings
Board Members:	Selby Fisher, Opotiki Christopher Marsh, Whangara Zack Makoare, Hastings Ronald Nepe, Gisborne Liz Remmerswaal, Havelock North Graeme Thomson, Gisborne Vicki Thorpe, Gisborne Richard Tumarae, Ruatahuna Bevan Turnpenny, Gisborne Steve Scragg, Gisborne*

*one resignation from the board was received in October 2007:
Steve Scragg



Members of the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board :

Back row: (L-R) Vicki Thorpe, Selby Fisher, Richard Tumarae, June Graham, Zack Makoare, Beverley Fullerton-Smith; Front row (L-R) Christopher Marsh, Bevan Turnpenny, Tuiringa Mokomoko, Graeme Thomson

Absent: Mary Campbell (Board Chairperson), Ronald Nepe, Liz Remmerswaal; Newly appointed members were: June Graham, Tuiringa Mokomoko and Pauline Tangiora.

2. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

The board has the responsibility for shaping conservation management in the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy. This is achieved through the development of Conservation Management Strategies (CMS's) and Conservation Management Plans (CMP's) for public conservation lands administered by the Department of Conservation and by the Board acting as an advocate for conservation on lands not administered by the Department of Conservation. Conservation Boards have functions and powers provided by the Conservation Act 1987 as amended by the Conservation Amendment Act 1991, the National Parks Act 1980 and the Walkways Act 1990.

Refer to Appendix 2 for the Board's Strategic Plan.

3. INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD DISTRICT

The East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy covers 2.7 million hectares of land, of which 589,519 hectares (21.8%) are managed by the Department of Conservation. Enormously varied in its topography, climate, vegetation and wildlife, the conservancy includes coastal areas from the Waiohahi River Mouth in the eastern Bay of Plenty, to Cape Turnagain in southern Hawke's Bay and the inland Ranges:- Raukumara, Urewera, Kaweka and Ruahine.

Significant land areas managed by the department in the conservancy include the Kaweka and Ruahine Forest Parks, which contain the only sizeable remnants of natural vegetation in the Hawke's Bay area. To the north is the Raukumara Forest Park which contains an important wilderness area that is managed and protected for its remote conservation value. To the west is Te Urewera National Park, which covers an area of 212,673 hectares and is the largest continuous tract of protected land in the conservancy.

The conservancy has two marine reserves, Te Tapuwae o Rongokako on the east coast north of Gisborne (established in 1999) and Te Angiangi in Hawke's Bay (established in 1997).

Numerous other small reserves and conservation areas managed by the Department, support a range of habitats and plant and animal species.

A number of special conservation projects are ongoing in the conservancy:

- Boundary Stream Reserve in the Mangaharuru Range, currently being managed to promote population increases in endangered native bird species such as North Island brown kiwi and kokako (Mainland Island project and the conservancy's showcase area)
- Kiwi and weka recovery project at Whinray Scenic Reserve
- Blue duck (whio) monitoring is being carried out in the Takaputahe catchment (tributary of the Motu river) and along the Waiti River as part of the Te Urewera Ecosystem Restoration Project
- Kaweka/Ruahine wilding pine removal project
- Kaweka mountain beech regeneration project
- A joint DOC/Iwi Kiwi Recovery Project based at Puketukutuku Peninsula, Lake Waikaremoana, focussing on the restoration of kiwi and rata populations
- In the Waimana Valley, the Northern Te Urewera Ecosystem Restoration Project focuses on kokako, kiwi and other animal and plant species
- Whangaokena (East Island) Restoration Project
- Tairawhiti National Heritage project
- Extensive species conservation management taking place, including work with New Zealand dotterel, tusked weta, dactylanthus and kowhai ngutukaka. Specific conservation projects include the North Island Weka Project and the Dactylanthus Project at Te Araroa
- Maori Methods and Implementation of Marine Protection Project

The Department manages a number of historic places, many in active partnership with tangata whenua. Accessible and important sites include the Otatara Pa Historic Reserve, managed by the department and the hapu of Waiohiki Marae, and the Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve: the only mainland reserve of this kind in New Zealand.

The Aniwanuiwa Museum in the heart of Te Urewera National Park is the only museum in the country managed by the department and offers insights into local cultural and natural history. A number of significant historic structures, such as bridges in the Waioeka Gorge and huts in the Ruahine and Kaweka Ranges that can also be visited.

There are a wide range of recreational opportunities in the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy, ranging from half hour graded walks to week-long tramps through remote and untracked areas. Two Marine Reserves: Te Angiangi and Te Tapuwae o Rongokako enable the public to appreciate and enjoy a protected marine environment.

Refer to Appendix 1 for the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy boundaries.

4. BOARD MEETINGS AND INSPECTIONS

Meetings of the board have been spread throughout the conservancy in Gisborne, Napier and Opotiki. This allows the Board to more equitably share the travel requirements for each meeting and provides opportunity for members of the public from a wide geographical spread to attend meetings. The Board decided at its February meeting to hold the April and June meetings centred on Gisborne to minimise meeting costs and to trial teleconferencing at its August meeting in the 2008/09 year.

4.1 MEETINGS

The board held 6 formal meetings during the report period. These were:

2007

August	Opotiki
October	Gisborne
December	Napier

2008

February	Opotiki
April	Gisborne
June	Gisborne

4.2 INSPECTIONS

Inspections provide members with an opportunity to see the Department at work on the ground and discuss management and conservation issues with staff delivering the Department's caseload. In December 2007, the board visited whitebait spawning enhancement sites at the mouth of the Tukituki River and Whitepine Bush Scenic Reserve in Napier. In February 2008 at Opotiki members visited Waiotahi to look at the fragility of the beach and dotterel habitat; and Tirohanga to examine the policy in relation to vehicles on beaches.

Board members attendances at these meetings and inspections are detailed in the table below.

Name	Number of Meetings attended (6 held)	Number of Inspections attended (2 held)
Mary Campbell	6	2
Selby Fisher	5	2
Beverley Fullerton-Smith	4	2
Christopher Marsh	5	1
Zack Makoare*	3	1
Ronald Nepe	2	0
Liz Remmerswaal*	3	1
Graeme Thomson*	3	1
Vicki Thorpe	5	2
Richard Tumarae	5	2
Bevan Turnpenny	4	1

* New member, only able to attend a maximum of 5 meetings

5. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

CMS Review

A sub-committee was established by the board in June 2005 to address the East Coast and Hawke's Bay Conservation Management Strategies Review. In December 2007, with the change in board membership, a new sub-committee now comprised Christopher Marsh, Bevan Turnpenny, Beverley Fullerton-Smith, Mary Campbell, Zack Makoare and Selby Fisher.

The Board revisited the matter of the CMS in February 2008, where it determined that the process required the full involvement of the Board and the CMS sub-committee be disbanded.

As a result of further delays in the preparation of the CMS Framework (national guidelines for CMS), and the disbanding of the CMS sub-committee, no direct activities were undertaken by the CMS sub-committee this year. However, board members were updated by Conservancy staff at each board meeting and involved in CMS workshops for Cooks Landing, Marine Protected Areas, Raukumara Forest Park and Lowland Reserves.

Indigenous Vegetation Clearance

A sub-committee was established by the board in December 2005 to lead on the issue of indigenous vegetation clearance.

The Board continued its interest in this issue by writing to Local Body Candidates in Gisborne on erosion on the East Coast to which it received a number of responses.

The Board discussed at its February 2008 meeting the necessity of retaining the Indigenous Vegetation Clearance Committee and considered that it was no longer required and it be disbanded.

All members continue to take an active interest in Indigenous Vegetation Clearance issues.

6. BOARD FUNCTIONS UNDER SECTION 6M OF THE CONSERVATION ACT

6.1 CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - CMS (SECTION 6M (1) (B))

East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy

In May 2008, the Minister provided a further extension to the timeline for review of the East Coast and Hawke's Bay CMS's to 14 January 2010.

There was a further delay in the process with the CMS framework (national guidelines) not being provided to conservancies until 31 January 2008. This conservancy adopted the Bay of Plenty Conservancy model for its CMS. Members were involved with Conservancy workshops during October-November 2007 and were awaiting the first draft CMS for their input in late June before moving towards the public consultation phase and completion in the next year.

6.2 CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS (SECTION 6M (1) (C))

No new or reviewed conservation management plans were implemented during the year. It is planned to review and incorporate existing conservation management plans into the new CMS through the review process.

6.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF CMS (SECTION 6M(1)(C))

As the board has two CMS's until the review is complete, it has adopted a 4 monthly reporting on an output class basis. This approach is to minimise information collection and presentation of information. The board has not undertaken any additional formal review of the implementation of the CMS's.

The Board's priority is for pest and weed control to maintain, and if possible improve, the Conservancy's ecological condition. This is advised during preparation of the annual business plan.

6.4 ADVICE TO THE NZ CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION (SECTION 6M(1)(D)(I)(II))

The Board did not receive any requests for advice from the New Zealand Conservation Authority.

However, the board did consider the request to boards on how to enhance the performance of the board with reference to the Carla Wilson Report: "Role and effectiveness of conservation boards." The matter was discussed by the board at its meetings in February and April; and via Campfire Online Meeting Facility.

The Board considered the requests for advice from the Director-General of Conservation on the Public Discussion Paper on Domestic Trade in Whalebone From Whales Stranded and Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2008 but did not make a submission on either. They also considered the Department's Statement of Intent 2008 during their meetings in February and April; and via Campfire Online Meeting Facility.

6.5 WALKWAYS (SECTION 6M(1)(E))

No new walkways have been identified this year.

6.6 LIAISON WITH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL (SECTION 6M(1)(F))

Liaison has been maintained with the local Fish and Game Councils (Eastern and Hawke's Bay Regions) through an exchange of agenda and minutes of meetings. Liz Remmerswaal liaised with Fish and Game Manager, Iain Maxwell (Hawke's Bay Region) and attended one local meeting.

6.7 POWER OF BOARDS - (SECTION 6N)

The board has been involved in a number of statutory processes providing input and advice to matters of the public conservation estate that relate to conservation.

The board lodged submissions on:

- Game Animal Panel - Classification of Deer, Thar, Chamois and Pigs
- Ministry of Fisheries - International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments
- Ministry of Fisheries – National Plan of Action: Sharks
- Ministry of Fisheries – National Plan of Action: Seabirds and Seabird Standard

The board wrote letters to:

- Local Body Candidates in Gisborne on issue of concern: Erosion on the East Coast
- Regional/District Councils and Federated Farmers on Whitebait Spawning habitat and loss of fish passage
- Regional Councils urging that deer be listed as pests in their Pest Management Strategies
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council to promote a programme of control of Old Man's Beard at Tuai
- Department of Building and Housing: Proposed Changes to the Building Code for backcountry huts

Presentations on the following have kept members abreast of different and developing aspects of the Department's work:

- Activities in the Opotiki Area
- Weedbusters Programme
- Vegetation Clearance Issues
- CMS
- Activities in the Hawke's Bay Area
- DOC Statement of Intent
- Key Issue for Conservancy – Deer Problem
- Te Urewera National Park Management Plan Monitoring Report
- Activities in the Gisborne Area

Other presentations to the Board:

- Vaughan Payne, Chief Executive – Opotiki District Council overview

The Board continues to explore other means of encouraging and promoting conservation within the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy and, in particular, recognised the value of promoting public awareness and community conservation initiatives.

Board members continued to use their contacts with other organisations involved with environmental management, in particular local councils, to identify areas where co-operation could be achieved between the board, DOC and councils. The Board continues to invite leaders of local councils, runanga and interest groups to its meetings and this practice has led to an increased understanding of matters of mutual concern and common interest and has widened board members networks.

Board members are required to attend various conferences or meetings from time to time. These opportunities are valuable for networking, inspiration and the discussion of common issues. During the year board members Richard Tumarae and Zack Makoare attended a hui with neighbouring Conservation Boards organised by Bay of Plenty Conservation Board. Mary Campbell (Chairperson) also attended the Conservation Boards Chairpersons Conference and the Department's Pukenga Atawhai training.

Board member, Liz Remmerswaal was appointed as the Board's representative on the Boundary Stream Strategic Advisory Group. With Liz's departure from the board a new representative will be required when new board members are appointed.

Board members supported the Department in person, with Zack Makoare, Beverley Fullerton-Smith and Liz Remmerswaal attending the Te Angiangi Marine Reserve 10th Anniversary dawn powhiri and celebration. Beverley Fullerton-Smith and Liz Remmerswaal also attended the opening of the Lake Opouahi kiwi crèche.

The Public Forum has continued to be timetabled for every meeting. Members of public spoke at 3 meetings during the year; the Board welcomes the opportunity to hear of and respond to issues of interest to the public.

6.8 APPOINTING COMMITTEES AND DELEGATING THEM FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

No committees were appointed by the board in this financial year.

6.9 MARINE RESERVE COMMITTEES

The East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board is fortunate to have two marine reserves within the conservancy. An active interest is maintained in both and regular updates on progress or management issues are received through the board member appointed on each committee. Zack Makoare was selected as the Board Representative on Te Angiangi Marine Reserve Committee as a replacement for Lloyd Beech who retired in August 2007. Vicki Thorpe continued to be the board representative on Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee.

Plans are underway to establish the McHardy Education Trust which will supersede the Friends of Te Angiangi Charitable Trust with its focus on the Regional Park concept which incorporates the Aramoana Historic Woolshed, the Ouepoto Wetland Reserve and Te Angiangi Marine Reserve. The Trust will be set up when funding and backing has been obtained. The concept of a Trust for Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve has continued to be pursued by the Marine Reserve Committee this year.

The proposed Mataitai Reserve adjacent to Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve to extend the reserve's protection was raised in 2006 is currently going through the public submission process.

Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Operational Plan produced in 2003 and reviewed every five years was considered by the Committee, prior to the expected release of the Conservation Management Strategy, and an operational plan approved in principle in June 2008.

Te Angiangi Marine Reserve was officially opened in October 1997 and the 10th Anniversary Celebrations took place in March 2008. Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve 10th anniversary is to be celebrated next year in 2009.

6.10 OTHER BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONSERVATION ACT

It has not been necessary for the board to co-opt any other members onto the board, provide advice for leases or licences in the absence of a Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan, nor to give advice on the exchange of stewardship areas. No management plans for fresh water fisheries were developed.

6.11 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT

The Board has not been called upon to function under this act.

7.0 ADOPTION OF REPORT

The 2007/2008 Annual Report was tabled and adopted by the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board during its meeting on 7 October 2008.

Resolved:

That the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board adopt the Annual Report for 2007/2008, with amendments, and forward it to the New Zealand Conservation Authority, as required under section 6(o) of the Conservation Act 1987.

*Moved: Bevan Turnpenny
Seconded: Christopher Marsh
Carried.*

APPENDIX I – EAST COAST HAWKE’S BAY CONSERVANCY



APPENDIX II: EAST COAST HAWKE'S BAY CONSERVATION BOARD – STRATEGIC PLAN

BOARDS MISSION STATEMENT

To advise and advocate for the conservation of natural and historic resources in the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy

STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

<u>Strategic Objective</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Planned Activity (Including Responsibility)</u>	<u>Target for Completion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1) Timely implementation of the approved Conservation Management Strategies.	To monitor the regions conservation objectives as set out in the two CMS.	Discuss the procedures by which implementation may take place with the Department's Conservancy Office in Gisborne and ensure reporting method developed with targets.	Progress reports Dec, April and August monthly on output class basis.	
2) To provide considered input into the approval process of conservation management strategies and national park plans. Recommend CMS and NP plans, and the review and amendments of such plans.	Utilise key board members with relevant skills. Ensure full input from DOC.	Establish expected timings for CMS plans/reviews requiring approval and other plans. Initial preparation of new CMS. Identify suited board members for specific plans and provide with information.	Review combined CMS timing for completion 2009	Project delayed. Revised timings suggest completion early 2009.
3) To ensure the conservation estate within the Board's area is accorded appropriate classification.	Maintain an awareness of the whole region and requirements for National or International Status.	Board members to be briefed on the various classifications e.g. land stewardship as issues changes arise. Review at least half yearly of any changes which may impact on current classifications. Advocate for further marine protection (Board members)	Ongoing monitoring. Ongoing	

<u>Strategic Objective</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Planned Activity (Including Responsibility)</u>	<u>Target for Completion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
4) To have a network of walkways to meet public need.	A requirement to provide a range of opportunities for the public to recreate may require new walkways. Establish recreation requirement identifying if Walkway Act can achieve objective.	Provide input to Visitor Facilities plans as outputs of recreation review are implemented. Identify future walkways and prioritise. Advise NZCA and Director General of these. Also review access to conservation estate for horse trackers, 4WD users and other recreation. Monitor any developments on Walking Access NZ and respond accordingly. (Board members)	As required As required Ongoing	
5) Liaise with the Fish and Game Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the board.	To become conversant with the Fish and Game Council activities and matters of concern.	Local board members to attend meetings if possible.	Ongoing	
6) To meet requirements of the Biodiversity Strategy	Identify critical issues with the region that need addressing to halt the decline in NZ's biodiversity	DOC to advise the Board on critical issues and action plans for consideration. On receipt of information, Board makes appropriate recommendations.	Annual reviewed in conjunction with business planning cycle	
7) The Board may advocate its interest in any public forum or in any statutory planning or resource consent process. The Board should ensure that conservation matters are appropriately dealt with at the statutory planning level.	Focus on statutory planning matters.	Maintain a schedule when statutory planning issues are expected to be dealt with. Make submissions on behalf of the Board on regional and district plans and resource consent applications at appropriate time. (Board members)	Ongoing Within required timings.	
8) Establish a working relationship with iwi and hapu in the region and particularly over such issues as: the Treaty of Waitangi, cultural material harvesting, taonga, waahi tapu and sites of special significance.	Relationships developed as required, focussing on <i>skill, knowledge, understanding</i> .	Appropriate Board members to liase with iwi hapu, as required.	As required/ongoing	
9) To contribute to the Department's management planning process.	Raise awareness of Board's capabilities so input is valued.	Work in conjunction with department during the business planning cycle.	Determined by planning cycle.	

<u>Strategic Objective</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Planned Activity (Including Responsibility)</u>	<u>Target for Completion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
10) The Board to actively promote an interest in conservation matters	Identify appropriate two way communication channels i.e. DOC to Board and Board to DOC and focus on building links with key communities.	Publicise what we do. Implement Board's media strategy. Be visible to the key communities. Maintain updated web page. Prepare programme key meetings/activities we should attend or be involved in. Board members advise DOC Community Officer of opportunities. (Board)	Ongoing	
11) Concessions are only granted which do not impact on sound conservation values.	Ensuring processes in place to judge applications that need to be referred to the Board.	Report to each Board meeting on all applications and approved applications. This should include applications to be forwarded to the Board. (Conservator with Board agreement).	Ongoing	

7 October 2008