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CONSERVATION BOARD**

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# 1. Chairperson's Report

It has been a challenging year for the West Coast Tai Poutini Conservation Board: two key resignations; the Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan process being placed on hold pending discussions following the Ngai Tai Supreme Court ruling; and a Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) amendment process halted after leading conservation and recreation organisations raised serious questions about the procedures adopted. In addition, the promised 'no new mining on conservation land' consultation document has not yet materialised and the long-awaited stewardship land review has not yet happened, although we are told that a trial review process on West Coast stewardship land is imminent. The Board has also placed considerable emphasis on obtaining an agreed and documented Board-Department permissions process, but this is yet to be achieved.

Terry Scott, a Makaawhio member appointed to the Board by Ngai Tahu resigned after 19 years' service as an active Board member. An accomplished orator with a deep knowledge of the land and a genuine love for its flora and fauna, Terry's input to the Board will be sorely missed. Rauhine Coakely, a Ngati Waewae member appointed by Ngai Tahu, was elected as Chair in September 2018 but resigned shortly afterward due to personal reasons. Without the two mandated Ngai Tahu appointees the Board was unable to perform its constitutional roles and was therefore unable to make any binding decisions including electing a new Chair and Deputy. Following our standing orders, the Deputy Chair at the time, myself, took the role as acting Chair ably assisted by Coraleen White as acting Deputy Chair. New Board members in 2018, Dr Brian Anderson and Dr Johnathon Clearwater have brought both renewed enthusiasm, local knowledge and technical expertise to the Board. John Taylor, Rob Roney and Paulette Birchfield, Rob Roney and finished their term in June, having all three completed two terms on the board. Their respective specialist knowledge on heritage, freshwater issues, mountain biking and rock will be missed.

The Board has seen the passing of some major milestones this year. The Mokihinui addition to Kahurangi National Park, championed by the Board for over a decade, finally came to fruition. Following a Board workshop in November 2018 the Board re-established its permissions committee which has subsequently considered applications as varied as placement of beehives, establishment of temporary weather stations on Franz Josef Glacier, hydro power generation in McCulloughs Creek and a heli-port proposal from Hokitika Airport Limited for Fox Glacier. Following concerns raised by the permissions committee, the Board has had a focus on the growth of aviation tourism throughout our rohe and members have voiced their concerns about the loss of natural quiet and the impact of increasing helicopter use on traditional recreational users.

In November of 2018 the Board held a planning workshop to develop a work programme with reference to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation (see appendix 1). National Park Management Plans have remained a focus and the Board has established a CMS monitoring programme and is currently benchmarking the status of each CMS Place with respect to the Desired Outcomes outlined in the document. The November workshop also identified an intention to emphasise biodiversity aspects and this has been reflected in Department reports including a modified status report at each meeting. The Board has had a continuing focus on tourism in our region and prepared a substantial submission to the Department's new Heritage and Visitors Strategy. The Board continues to work in close

collaboration with Ngati Waewae and Makaawhio and that relationship is being reinforced by a MOU being developed with mana whenua to guide Board iwi interactions.

The board has conducted five meetings and a planning workshop. Meetings were held in Reefton, Franz Josef and three in Hokitika. Public participation in our meetings has been patchy – most engaging was a well-attended and lively public/Board session in Franz Josef covering tourism, the future of the Glacier region and the Fox landfill disaster. Three very different but highly informative field trips to Hokitika Gorge, Te Maruia and the Glacier region highlighted the very real benefits of the Board getting boots on the ground. The work that departmental staff put into organising such trips is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thanks to Joy Cowan our Support Officer and Joy Comrie the Statutory Manager, who both have made a huge contribution to the continuing smooth running of the Board. A special thanks to Jo Easterbrook and Katherine Hughes who have travelled considerable distances to update the Board on issues relating to National Park planning and proposed changes to our CMS. Mark Davies, Director Operations, has continued to support the Board and has kept the Board informed on a huge range of issues including the new Great Walk, Dolomite Point developments and the Fox River clean up as well as presenting the regular Status Report. Thanks also to Kelly Stevens for keeping us informed on the new Kotahitanga mo te Taiao Strategy through regular Board briefings. The ZIP team have continued to update the Board on the ongoing work in the Perth catchment, the board have followed this project with interest and enthusiasm. Alistair Johnstone and Tim Bamford provided a presentation on the departments draft Heritage and Visitor Strategy. Other notable presentations included a comprehensive biodiversity brief given by Mike Perry and a team including Meridith McKay, Ingrid Gruner and Michael Shepherd who gave the Board a wide-ranging update on aspects of biodiversity reporting addressing monitoring, what data is collected, how it is used and some resulting projects. Mike Parry presented on the monitoring and control of Himalayan Thar. Edward De Boar briefed the Board on The Tohu Whenua Landmarks programme and its links with the Tourism Strategy.

In April the New Zealand Conservation Authority held a meeting in Hokitika and several Board members accepted the Authority's invite to join them over their two-day meeting. The Authority and accompanying Board members visited the Cobden Island whitebait habitat restoration project, the Brunner Mine historic area – now a designated Tohu Whenua place and then moved on to visiting both the Blackball and Punakaiki ends of the Paparoa and Pike Memorial tracks. Presentations were given on the construction of the new great walk and the proposed Dolomite Point developments in Punakaiki. The subsequent meeting in Hokitika featured a presentation from Judge Carrie Wainwright on Section 4 of the Conservation Act as well as presentations by the Director General Lou Sanson and the Minister for Conservation Eugenie Sage who was on her way south to inspect the damage done by the breach of the landfill on the Fox river.

A final thanks to all our Conservation Board members who put in considerable time between meetings working on complex issues. The Board's focus on continuing issues with our CMS and National Park Management Plans, the promised stewardship land review and the Board's role with land exchanges and the permissions process require considerable time and expertise from members, this is freely and willingly given by Board members seeking to contribute to conservation in general and the health and wellbeing of our West Coast communities.



Dr Keith Morfett Acting Chairperson

## 2. Introduction

This is the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Annual Report as required under Section 6 of the Conservation Act 1987.

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board had 11 members for the 2018-2019 year appointed by the Minister of Conservation under the terms of the Conservation Act 1987. There were two new appointments to the Board – Brian Anderson and Jonathon Clearwater. Ruahine Coakley was elected as Chairperson and Keith Morfett Deputy Chairperson

Conservation Boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board represents the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation, within the area of jurisdiction of the Board.

The Board has several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- The recommendation of a West Coast Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) for approval
- Advising the Department of Conservation and the NZCA on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- Reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- The approval of Conservation Management Plans
- The recommendation of National Park Management Plans to the NZCA for approval
- Advising the Department of Conservation and NZCA on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- Liaising with Fish and Game Council on conservation matters
- Carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act

Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the Board to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act. Boards also have a number of functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980.

Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the NZCA with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board submits this annual report.

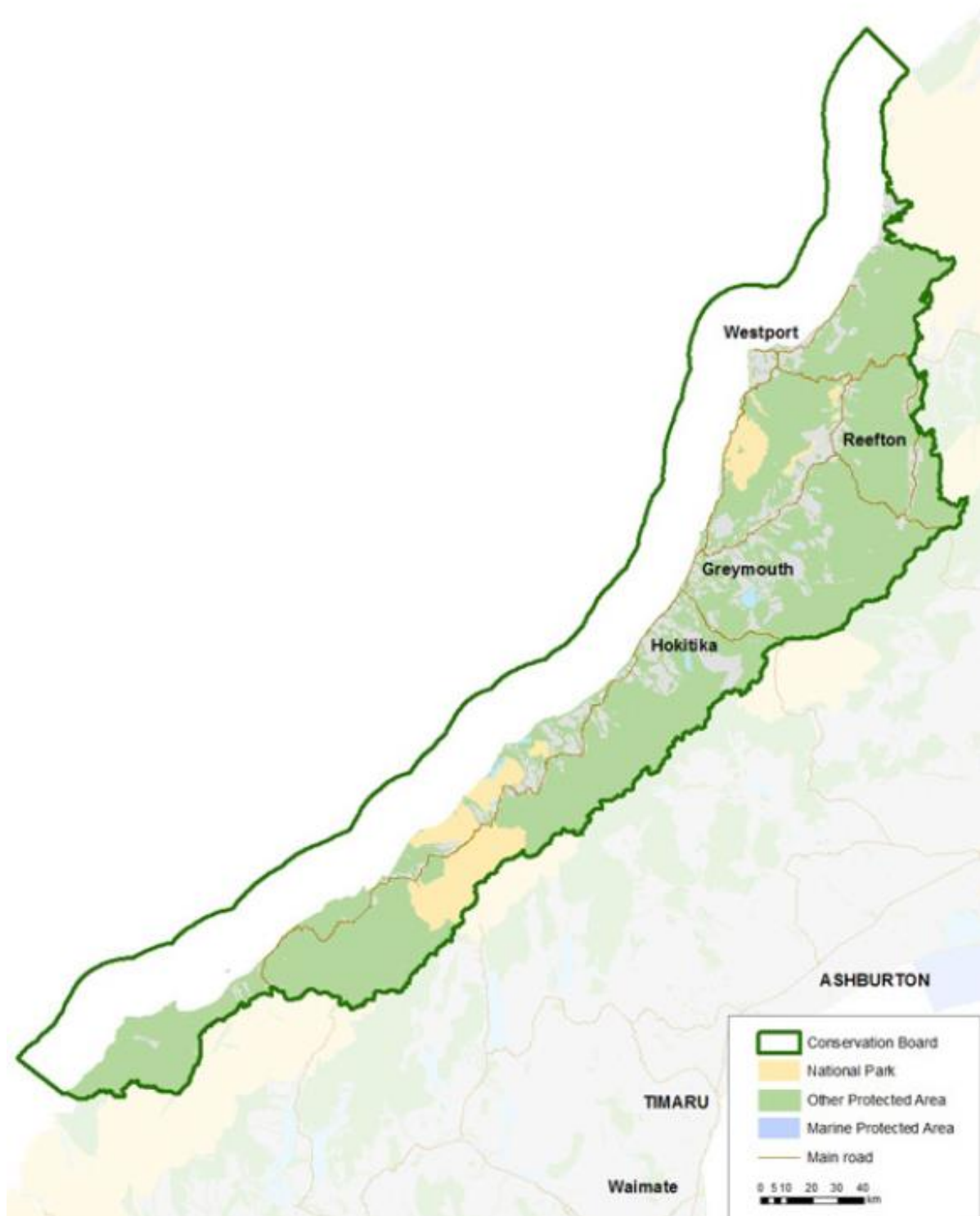


### 3. Annual Work Plan

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

## 4. West Coast *Tai Poutini* Region

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the West Coast from north of Karamea south to Big Bay. The area also extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to marine mammal issues.



Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park and Pararoa National Park lie within the Boards' jurisdiction.

Approximately 25% of all public conservation land in New Zealand lie within the West Coast Region. The large number of issues which are of interest to the Board include:

- Ecosystem management and management of plant and animal species such as mistletoe, Wetland petrel/*taiko*, white heron/*kotuku*, blue duck/*whio*, rowi, Haast *tokoeka*, great spotted kiwi/*roa*, mohua and Powelliphanta species
- Management of recreational facilities
- Management of historic sites
- Concession activities, including those relating to recreation and tourism activities, grazing, industrial use, baches, filming, gravel extraction
- Mining and access arrangements
- Marine protection

The total area of the West Coast Region comprises of 1,913,000 ha. Of this total, approximately 84% (1,610,000 ha) is contained within the boundary of the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction.

#### Features of the Area:

- Paparoa National Park - 39023 ha
- Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park - 131330 ha
- Victoria Conservation Park - 204675 ha
- 114 Scenic Reserves - 79405 ha
- 19 Historic Reserves - 12644 ha
- 92 Recreation Reserves - 402 ha
- 45 Ecological Areas - 216506 ha
- 21 Amenity Areas - 17098 ha
- 390 Stewardship Areas - 845383 ha
- 3 Wilderness Areas - 111602 ha
- Adjoins Kahurangi, Arthur's Pass, Aoraki/Mt Cook, Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks
- It is an integral part of Te Wahipounamu - South West NZ World Heritage Area

## 5. Conservation Board functions and powers

### 5.1 Board Functions Under Section 6m of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

- (a) To recommend the approval by the Conservation Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments
- (b) To approve conservation management plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments
- (c) To advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board
- (d) To advise the Conservation Authority or the Director-General
  - (i) On any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
  - (ii) On any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
- (f) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
- (g) To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act

### 5.2 Powers of the Board under Section 6n of the Conservation Act 1987

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

### 5.3 Board Functions under the National Parks Act 1980

There are two national parks within the Board's region: Paparoa National Park and Westland National Park. The Board has sub committees involved in the management plan review for these. The Board also advocates for cross boundary issues with Kahurangi National Park (which is the responsibility of the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board), Arthur's Pass National Park (Canterbury *Aoraki* Conservation Board) and Mt Aspiring National Park (Otago Conservation Board).

## 6. Board Membership

There were 11 Board members for the reporting year appointed by the Minister of Conservation.

In the September meeting Ruahine Coakley was elected Chairperson and Keith Morfett was Deputy Chairperson. Not long after the meeting Ruahine resigned from the Conservation Board and Keith Morfett stepped into the acting Chairperson role and has remained in the role due to the fact that there were no Ngai Tahu representatives on the board. Without these the board was unconstitutional and unable to make any binding decisions.

The following table lists the membership of West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

### 6.1 Members Profiles

#### Paulette Birchfield

*Appointment term: 1 May 2014 to 30 June 2019*

Engineering Officer at the West Coast Regional Council. She has qualifications and practical knowledge and experience in environmental engineering, resource management skills, and knowledge of environmental principles, problems and management. She is a keen advocate for use of the conservation estate for recreational use. Her outdoor recreation interests are trail and mountain running, multisport, and mountain-biking.

**Ruahine Coakley** is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngati Waewae. She is currently employed as a Whānau Ora Navigator for Poutini Waiora and has worked in the health sector for the past 7 years. She has also worked in the tourism and hospitality sections for several years. She has a passion for conservation and has a desire to learn more about conservation, and the *Tai Poutini* and conservation issues that affect the people and environment.

#### Rob Roney

*Appointment term: 1 May 2014 to 30 June 2019*

Previously the Head of the Science Department at Greymouth High School, and Chairperson of Fish and Game West Coast Council of which he is currently a member, and former Chairperson of the Fish and Game New Zealand Council. He has worked with UNESCO at several World Heritage youth fora. He has expertise in communication, dealing with groups, planning and analysis, and health and safety. He has sound governance skills, and sound understanding of public processes, strategic planning, legislation and meeting procedure. His outdoor recreation interests are tramping, climbing, back country hunting, fly fishing, and rafting.

### **Terry Scott**

*Appointment term: 1 September 2001 to 30 June 2019 (resigned December 2018)*

Nominee of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. He is retired and has thirty-four years Fire Service experience, involving Fire Command and Control at a senior level (QSJM). He is a former Dunedin City Councillor and been a member of many committees in the local area. He is knowledgeable of local government and Department of Conservation processes and procedures. His outdoor recreation interests are fishing and tramping. He is of Ngāi Tahu iwi.

### **John Taylor**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019*

Owns Western Ventures and is a strong advocate for conservation of industrial heritage. He is a past member of the community development board, and has governance, advocacy and relationship management skills. He is also a tutor in conservation-related legislation and health and safety. His outdoor recreation interests are tramping, mountaineering and exploring the New Zealand mining heritage sites (both on the surface and underground).

### **Coraleen White**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2020 (acting Deputy Chairperson)*

A farmer, former Buller District Councillor and former Westport Issues Assistant to West Coast Tasman MP Chris Auchinvole. She has experience in governance roles, and in working with DOC staff to resolve constituent concerns. She helped prepare the Council's inaugural district plan and participated in public hearings. She holds a QSM. Her outdoor recreation interests are walking and boating; especially in Westland *Tai Poutini* and Kahurangi National Parks.

### **Barry Hughes**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019*

Operates a kayak hire and guiding business with his partner on Okarito Lagoon in South Westland and has spent the last nine years working in tourism guiding and management. He has tramped extensively throughout the Southern Alps, and enjoys, but is not that good at, climbing, hunting and mountain biking. He is a strong supporter of public recreation access and a keen interest in biodiversity, having volunteered on DOC projects focused on Tokoeka, Mohua, and less glamorous weed eradication.

### **Francois Tumahai**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019*

Is of Ngati Waewae and Ngati Whatua descent. He is the Chairman of Te Rūnanga o Ngati Waewae, Managing Director of Poutini Environmental and the General Manager of Waewae Pounamu. Francois brings over 20 years of management experience, 15 years governance experience and 8 years director experience to the Board.

### **Dr Keith Morfett**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020 (Acting Chairperson)*

Dr Morfett is recently retired. Keith has worked in science, tourism, education and emergency management and has built two successful small businesses based in Hokitika. He has governance skills as well as planning and analysis skills developed through business, scientific research and Search and Rescue involvement. Keith has climbed, tramped, paddled and fished throughout New Zealand and has spent considerable time overseas in National Parks, reserves and remote protected areas.

### **Dr Brian Anderson**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021*

Dr Anderson, glaciologist, has a wide range of scientific skills ranging from geography, hydrology, ecology, geomorphology and paleoclimatology. He has an intimate knowledge of the West Coast conservation estate as a tramper and climber. Dr Anderson is well known in the West Coast, alpine and mountaineering communities.

### **Dr Jonathon (JC) Clearwater of Okarito**

*Appointment term: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021*

Dr Clearwater brings strong science and analytical skills useful for planning and analysis. He is connected to the community as a member of the Okarito Community Native Plant Nursery, West Coast Wilderness Trail, local Search and Rescue, and volunteering on the local rowi programme. His work in geothermal energy has given him experience working in joint ventures between iwi and energy companies and he has an awareness of cultural collaboration

## 6.1. Meetings

### 6.2. Board Meetings

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board held five Board meetings during the reporting period. Venues for the Board meetings are varied each year to ensure a wide coverage and enable members of the public in the district to attend meetings and access the Board.

#### Board Meetings

Date	Area
19 July 2018	Hokitika
20/21 September 2018	Hokitika
15/16 November 2018	Reefton
28 February 2019	Hokitika
23/24 May 2019	Franz Josef/Fox Glacier

### 6.3 Attendance

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

Member	Home	Attended
Rauhine Coakley	Arahura	1/5
Terry Scott	Dunedin	1/5
Jonathon Clearwater	Okarito	3/4
Brian Anderson	Ross	4/4
John Taylor	Reefton	4/5
Paulette Birchfield	Greymouth	4/5
Coraleen White	Westport	3/5
Barry Hughes	Okarito	4/5
Francois Tumahai	Kaniere	2/5
Keith Morfett	Hokitika	5/5
Rob Roney	Greymouth	4/5

### 7.3 Workshop Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Member	Home	Attended
Francois Tumahai	Kaniere	1/1
Rob Roney	Greymouth	1/1
Coraleen White	Westport	1/1
Barry Hughes	Okarito	1/1
Keith Morfett	Hokitika	1/1
John Taylor	Reefton	1/1
Paulette Birchfield	Greymouth	1/1
Jonathon Clearwater	Okarito	1/1
Brian Anderson	Ross	1/1



## 7.4 Field Trips

### Hokitika Gorge September 2018

After the Board meeting held on the 20th September 2018 in Hokitika, the Board along with Hokitika staff Tony Thrupp, Senior Ranger Recreation and Nicole Kunzmann, Operations Manager, Hokitika headed out to visit the very busy tourist spot Hokitika Gorge. They inspected the development on the new section of track in preparation for the new swing bridge which due to be built in 2019.



*Board members at the Hokitika Gorge look out. Left to right: Keith Morfett, Jonathon Clearwater, John Taylor, Coraleen White, Rauhine Cookley and Board Support Officer Joy Cowan.*

### Reefton – November 2018

The first part of the field trip the Board met with Greg Topp from Reefton Powerhouse Committee. Greg talked about the community initiative to re-instate the Reefton Powerhouse and hydro scheme and the national and international interest the project is generating.

The Board also visited Marble Hill where Greymouth staff Shane Hall, Operations Manager, , Darrell Haworth, Biodiversity Senior Ranger, and Dave Hawes, Reefton Supervisor, shared the Maruia story (Te Maruia Waka Huia programme)  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/te-maruia-waka-huia/>



*Board and DOC staff listening to Greg Topp at the remains of historic Reefton Powerhouse. Left to right: DOC Administration Manager John Reid; DOC Director of Operations Mark Davies; Greg Topp, Reefton Powerhouse Project; DOC Greymouth Operations Manager Shane Hall; and, Board members Rob Roney, Brian Anderson, Coraleen White, Keith Morfett and John Taylor. Photo: Joy Comrie | [DOC](#)*

## Franz Josef Glacier and Fox Glacier Valley's – May 2019

The theme for the field trip was “Mother Nature Rules – what does the future hold for Glacier Country”. The Board along with Wayne Costello, Operations Manager, Ian Singleton, Senior Ranger, Rangers Billy Norton and Kate Nolan visited the remains of the Fox Glacier access road and discussed options for the future. They walked to the historic bridge spanning the Fox River and to where the road had been washed out. Discussion was held around the effects of Mills Creek on access and the Fox landfill where plastics and recycling had been swept down the Fox river and is contaminating the riverbed, ocean and local beaches.

After lunch the Board then went to the south side access and looked at the remedial work at the SH bridge and then onto the Fox riverbed 5kms below the landfills site. They observed first-hand the results of the flood issues. Discussion was held around the remedial action and the work of DOC, Councils and volunteers to clean up the rubbish.

They then travelled into the Franz Valley and observed the flooding damage where busy contractors were working to open up the access to the Franz Josef Glacier.



*Board members and DOC staff at the end of the road on the northside of the Fox Valley washout. Left to right Barry Hughes, Kopa Lee, Mark Davies, Jonathon Clearwater, Keith Morfett, Paulette Birchfield, Rob Roney and John Taylor. Photographer Joy Comrie*

## 7.5 Community and DOC Involvement in Board Meetings

The Board welcomed presentations from members of the public and Department staff at the meetings. During 2018-2019 we had presentations from:

- ZIP – Al Bramley and Duncan Kay
- Kelly Stevens - Kotahitanga mō te taiao alliance
- Whio Update – Antje Wahlberg
- Biodiversity and Ungulate Reporting – Mike Perry and his biodiversity monitoring team
- Visitor and Tourism Strategy - Alastair Johnstone
- Tohu Whenua Landmarks – Eric de Boer
- Fox Landfill Washout – Mike Bilodeau (volunteer)
- The Board had additional Public Forum meetings in the evening in Reefton in November 2018 and Franz Josef in May 2019.

## 8 Board Committees and Representation

### Committees

Subcommittee	Members
Westland National Park Review	Rob Roney Barry Hughes Keith Morfett Terry Scott Tim Rochford - Makaawhio (co-opted to subcommittee) Hinerangi Barr Makaawhio (co-opted to subcommittee)
Permissions Committee	Members Keith Morfett Coraleen White Brian Anderson John Taylor



*Kea: photographer John Reid*

## 9 Liaison

### General Comment on Liaison

The Board considers that contact by members of the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board with the community is very important. The website has been used to good advantage with Annual Plan, Board reports, meeting agenda's and confirmed minutes from each meeting being provided. The Board annual report and the West Coast Conservation Management Strategy can also be accessed on this site.

Board members also have contact with a broad range of people, community groups and organisations.

All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison.

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

### 9.1 Other Conservation Boards and New Zealand Conservation Authority

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* region's immediate neighbours are the Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury *Aoraki* and Otago Conservation Boards. Liaison with neighbouring Boards are maintained principally through the exchange of minutes and agendas.

Coraleen White was appointed as a liaison person to work with Board's Oparara Basin working group. The working group identified several gaps on the Feasibility Study and Business Case. The West Coast Board along with the Nelson Marlborough Board are aware of the sensitivity of the karst landscape in the Oparara Basin and its high biodiversity values.

Early in 2019 the Board hosted the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) for a West Coast field trip ahead of the Authorities April Meeting. Day one field trip consisted of a visit to the Whitebait Restoration site at Cobden Island, Greymouth, Brunner mine site which had recently been recognised as a Tohu Whenua Landmark site, Blackball where DOC staff gave a presentation on the progress of the Paparoa new great walk and then onto Punakaiki where there was a presentation on Dolomite Point redevelopment project. A full NZCA meeting was held on day two where Keith Morfett, Coraleen White, Barry Hughes and Jonathon Clearwater from the West Coast Board attended.



*NZCA members, Board members and DOC Look out point Punakaiki. Photographer Joy Comrie.*

## **9.2 Community advocacy and involvement**

All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise. Some members are specifically appointed to represent the Board on other groups or organisations.

The West Coast is a region of small communities. Board members are often well known in their local communities and have regular contact with members of the public. Where possible the Board tries to meet with local community groups while on field inspections.

Board members are invited to join in activities organised by the Department and other conservation groups to celebrate national events. This gives members a chance to interact with other groups and to learn more about the Department's work.

## **9.3 District and Regional Councils**

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

## 9.4 Iwi

Two members of the Board are nominated by Ngāi Tahu as required under the Ngāi Tahu Settlement Act 1998. The Board worked closely with Te Runanga o Makaawhio for the purpose of the *Tai Poutini* Westland Park Plan Review.



*Kekeno pup - photographer John Reid*

## West Coast Tai Poutini Conservation Board's Work Programme 2018/2019

Work Stream	Ranking (a)	Performance indicators for Board	Measures/milestones	Who (b)	Addressed at Board Meeting (Date, 2019) (c)
Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan review	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board representation on hearing panel</li> <li>• Re-worked plan</li> <li>• Public participation encouraged</li> </ul>	Completion of plan	WTPNP committee (BH,BA,JC, KM and 2 co-opted Makaawhio reps)	16 May 26 September
Actively engage in consultation on 'No new mining on conservation land' policy	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watching brief</li> <li>• Receive briefing</li> <li>• Active involvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold Public Forum</li> <li>• Board advice/submission prepared and delivered</li> </ul>	Entire Board	28 February
Work in partnership with Ngati Waewae, Makaawhio and Ngai Tahu on cultural issues	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on relationship</li> </ul>	MOU developed with Makaawhio, Ngati Waewae and Ngai Tahu	CW FT	26 September
Biodiversity	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive status report on biodiversity at Place at each meeting</li> <li>• Generate a comprehensive Board overview of status, trends and threats</li> <li>• Bring informed individuals and groups to meetings to inform the Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage public engagement</li> <li>• Understand and advise the department and others on biodiversity issues within the rohe of the Westland Tai Poutini Conservation Board.</li> </ul>	KM	Ongoing
Work with the Department and appropriate agencies on tourism, recreational pressures and infrastructure	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build stronger relationships with those agencies.</li> <li>• Develop a Board position on issues arising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submissions prepared</li> <li>• Attendance at meetings</li> <li>• Attend agency workshop</li> <li>• Briefed on DOCs national tourism strategy</li> </ul>	Tourism – BH Recreation - PB	25 July



Liaison with other conservation boards in the South Island. Liaise with Otago and Southland Conservation Boards on Mt Aspiring NPMP	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate Board members as liaison people (similar to NZCA) and report back at each meeting</li> <li>Check their agenda/minutes</li> <li>Share best practice/experience with other Boards</li> <li>Support Te Runanga o Makaawhio</li> <li>Organise joint meeting with Otago and Southland Boards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaison person appointed</li> <li>Meeting attended (if person happens to be in area)</li> <li>Reports given at Board meetings</li> </ul>	Nelson/Marl – JT Otago –JC Southland – RR Canterbury - KM	Ongoing 21 November (joint meeting in South Westland, TBC)
Whitebait	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a watching brief on legislation amendments</li> <li>Advocate for the protection and enhancement of freshwater ecosystems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send a representative to WC drop-in forums</li> <li>Have a Board representative on West Coast SWWF working group?</li> <li>Contribute to national whitebait work</li> <li>Advocate for accurate information on populations</li> <li>Submit on any material</li> </ul>	RR	Ongoing
Prepare for a review of stewardship land	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watching brief</li> <li>Critical to be involved</li> </ul>		Entire Board	Ongoing
Review how Board participates in Permissions process	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Permissions committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and document Permissions process</li> <li>Obtain an overview and monitor the effectiveness of the Permissions process</li> </ul>	Permissions committee (BA, CW, KM, JT)	Ongoing

Maintain a watching brief on ungulate numbers	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase Board focus and attention on ungulate issues</li> <li>• Obtain strategic briefings on current state, trends and uncertainties within ungulate populations</li> <li>• Monitor implementation of Himalayan Thar Plan</li> <li>• Receive annual reporting on control plan implementation and pick up on associated conservation issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain a comprehensive picture of numbers on the West Coast</li> <li>• Obtain a Board understanding of ungulate control plans</li> <li>• Develop Board positions and provide informed advice on ungulate populations</li> </ul>	Entire Board	Ongoing
Mokihinui catchment added to Kahurangi National Park	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all processes to ensure addition</li> <li>• Fully participate in review of Kahurangi NP management plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition completed</li> </ul>	Entire Board	Ongoing
Liaise with the Department on proposed Landmark sites	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain Briefing at February Board meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a view on Landmark sites</li> <li>• Advocate for Landmark sites to reflect the culture and heritage of the West Coast</li> </ul>	JT	28 February
Initiate a workshop for future planning including CMS review 2020	completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop board structures, plans and strategies</li> </ul>	Entire Board	7 November 17, 2018 (Workshop)

BA, Brian Anderson, BH – Barry Hughes, CW – Coraleen White, FT – Francois Tumahai, JC – Johnathon Clearwater, JT – John Taylor, KM – Keith Morfett, PB – Paulette Birchfield, RR - Robert Roney.

- Prioritised rankings were obtained by Board members individually assigning a numerically scaled importance value to each workstream, individual assignments were then summed to give an overall relative ranking.
- Who – identifies if particular Board members or committees have volunteered a leadership role in any particular workstream?
- Identifies if the workstream is to be examined in detail at any particular Board meeting. Note that ongoing work on workstreams will occur throughout the period.



