

# Annual Report of the New Zealand Conservation Authority

TE POU ATAWHAI TAIAO O AOTEAROA



FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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**Annual Report of the**  
**New Zealand Conservation Authority**  
**for the period**  
**1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007**

Presented to the Minister of Conservation and tabled in the House of  
Representatives pursuant to section 6E of the Conservation Act 1987

30 November 2007

Hon Steve Chadwick  
Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I submit, in terms of section 6E of the Conservation Act 1987, the fifteenth report of the New Zealand Conservation Authority covering the period of 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. The Act requires that the Authority shall in each year make a report to the Minister on the exercise of its functions and powers.

The Authority has received the annual reports of the fourteen conservation boards which are required to report to it under section 6O of the Act.

It is customary to commend to you the contributions made by individual members of the Authority and the conservation boards. I have pleasure in doing so in regards to their efforts in the past year. I believe that the Authority and conservation boards continue to make a difference in helping shape conservation management in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Marshall', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kerry Marshall  
Chairperson  
New Zealand Conservation Authority

## Mission Statement

*To ensure for the people of New Zealand, that the richness of New Zealand's natural and cultural heritage is valued, restored, maintained, and cared for by all, in order to enhance our environment and quality of life.*

## The New Zealand Conservation Authority Members



Back row from left: Catherine Tudhope (Manager), Basil Morrison, Michael Crozier, Wendy Nelson, David Chandler, Robyn Jebson, Kerry Marshall (Chair)  
Front row from left: John Nankervis, Kay Booth, Linda Conning, Barbara Arnold  
Absent: Charles Crofts.

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## 1. SUMMARY

Following on from the concentrated effort of the previous three years in revising the General Policy for National Parks and contributing to the development of the Conservation General Policy, the Authority has been keen to see that work translated into the timely review of conservation management strategies. Engagement with the Department in the development of guidance for that task was a major interest of the Authority throughout the year.

The Authority considered a request from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to remove the word “non-commercial” from policy 2(g) of the General Policy for National Parks. In June 2007 an amendment to Chapter 2 of the General Policy was approved and adopted.

The Tongariro National Park Management Plan which was received by the Authority in December 2005 was approved in October 2006.

The Fiordland National Park Management Plan was referred to the Authority for approval in August 2006. This Plan involved extensive public consultation over a long period of time during its development. It was approved in June 2007.

The Otago Conservation Board recommended an amendment to the Mount Aspiring National Park Management Plan to enable consideration of an application by a commercial enterprise to construct a privately-operated road and tunnel from the Glenorchy Road to the Hollyford Road in Fiordland National Park. Some preliminary consideration was given to the proposed amendment but no decision had been made as at the end of the reporting period.

The Authority met formally on six occasions during the 2006/2007 reporting period – in August, October and December 2006, and in February, April and June 2007. Four of the meetings were held in Wellington, one in Turangi in October 2006, and one in Thames in February 2007. The April and June meetings were held in Conservation House into which the Department moved at the end of 2006. This was formerly a cinema complex and is now a model environment-friendly commercial building.

In Turangi and Thames the Authority was able to meet with the Tongariro/Taupo and Waikato conservation boards respectively. The opportunity was also taken to undertake joint field trips with the conservation boards to view some special sites and learn about management challenges.

On 18 March 2007 the tephra dam on the rim of Mount Ruapehu’s crater lake gave way and a lahar flowed down the mountain and the Whangaehu River to the Tasman Sea. The Authority, along with the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board and the iwi associated with the mountain, had consistently supported the preference of the Department to allow natural processes to take place and to plan for the avoidance of disastrous impacts, rather than intervene and try to avoid the lahar occurring. In recent years comprehensive planning involving many agencies had been undertaken and an early warning system put in place. When the lahar occurred, all the planning paid off and it was a spectacle not readily forgotten by those who witnessed it, but without loss of life or unexpected consequences.

Authority members welcomed the opportunity to discuss conservation issues with the Associate Minister of Conservation in December 2006. The chairperson met with the Minister of Conservation on a number of occasions during the year.

This reporting period saw the appointment of a new chief executive of the Department of Conservation. Al Morrison, previously the General Manager for Strategy and Policy, became Director-General in November 2006. The Authority has appreciated its free and frank discussions with the Director-General.

## **2. INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

The New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority) is a statutory body established by section 6A of the Conservation Act 1987. It represents the long-term public interest in conservation and is closely involved in conservation planning and policy development affecting the management of public conservation lands administered by the Department of Conservation. It provides advice to the Minister and Director-General of Conservation.

The functions of the Authority are set out in section 6B of the Conservation Act 1987, and in the National Parks Act 1980, the Wildlife Act 1953, the Marine Reserves Act 1971, the Reserves Act 1977, the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978 and the New Zealand Walkways Act 1990. It also has specified responsibilities with regard to consultation with tangata whenua set out in Treaty claims settlement legislation.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY**

Membership of the Authority during the reporting period was as follows:

	Number meetings attended (6 held)
Barbara Arnold, Palmerston North	6*
Kay Booth, Christchurch	6
David Chandler, Auckland	5
Linda Conning, Te Teko	6
Charles Crofts, Diamond Harbour	5*
Michael Crozier, Wellington	5
Robyn Jebson, Queenstown	6*
Kerry Marshall, Richmond (chairperson)	6
Basil Morrison, Paeroa	5*
John Nankervis, Wellington	5*
Wendy Nelson, Wellington	5
Piri Sciascia, Wellington – resigned January	1 (of 3)
Lorraine Stephenson, Dannevirke – resigned February	0 (of 4)

\* includes part attendance at one or more of the meetings.

Authority members are appointed by the Minister of Conservation.

#### **4. FEES AND ALLOWANCES**

The chairperson receives a daily meeting fee of \$290 and other Authority members receive a daily meeting fee of \$215. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred while engaged on Authority business.

Fees and allowances are paid in accordance with the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951.

#### **5. THE CONSERVATION ACT 1987**

##### **5.1 Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987**

Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 states “This Act shall so be interpreted and administered as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.” The Authority is established under the Conservation Act 1987 and section 4 applies to the Authority in the discharge of its functions.

The Authority has developed a template to assist it to give effect to section 4 in its work.

##### **5.2 Section 6B (1) of the Conservation Act 1987 – Functions of the Authority**

###### **(a) General Policy**

The review of the 1983 General Policy for National Parks was completed in April 2005, when the Authority adopted the statement and approved it for publication.

In the 2005/2006 reporting period the Authority received a request from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to amend the General Policy for National Parks so that section 2(g) applied to any customary use of traditional materials and indigenous species, whether considered commercial or non-commercial in nature. Having considered the views of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu at several meetings and having also considered the advice of the Department and the views of the Minister, the Authority approved and adopted the following changes to the General Policy for National Parks in June 2007.

Introductory text to Chapter 2 last paragraph to read:

Customary use of traditional materials and indigenous species may be authorised either as a Ministerial consent under section 5 of the National Parks Act 1980 or as a concession under section 49, depending on the nature of the use. Other consents may be required.

Policy 2(g)                    The word “non-commercial” was deleted.

The Minister of Conservation made amendments to the Conservation General Policy to the same effect.

###### **(b) Conservation Management Strategies and Plans**

A conservation management strategy (CMS) outlines a ten-year plan for integrated conservation management in a conservancy. Each conservancy’s CMS is prepared by the

Department in consultation with its conservation board. Once a CMS has been publicly released and amended in light of public submissions, the conservation board reviews the amendments and refers the CMS to the Authority for approval.

All CMSs, except for the West Coast CMS, have been approved by the Authority. There are sixteen approved CMSs. A number of CMSs are now due to be reviewed, having reached the end of their ten year working lives. The status of CMSs as at 30 June 2007 can be found in the First Schedule at the back of this annual report. Where a CMS has reached its expiry date of 10 years, the Minister has extended its life.

During the 2006/2007 reporting period, the review of CMSs was for the second year put on hold while the Department of Conservation, in consultation with the Authority, developed guidelines, and then a template, for the revision of CMSs. The guidelines were completed in September 2006 but the template was still under development at the end of the reporting period. The Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy was being used to trial the application of the pre-approved template to its revision.

The Authority and the affected conservation boards expressed frustration at the length of time being taken to prepare for the review of CMSs. They had expected that once the General Policies were approved in 2005 the revision of CMSs which had outlasted their useful purpose would have started immediately.

#### **(c) Review of the Effectiveness of the Department of Conservation's Administration of General Policies**

The Conservation General Policy was adopted by the Minister of Conservation in May 2005. It was amended in June 2007 in relation to "customary use" in consultation with the Authority.

The statement of General Policy for Walkways (New Zealand Walkways Policy) was adopted in April 1995. A review of the effectiveness of the Department of Conservation's administration of this General Policy is desirable. Nevertheless the Authority has not undertaken such a review because for some years now the Government has been investigating public walking access generally. The Walking Access Consultation Panel reported to the Minister of Rural Affairs in March 2007. While the Government had not made a decision on the Panel's recommendation by the end of the reporting period, that decision is likely to have implications for Walkways, the General Policy, and the Authority's role in relation to Walkways.

#### **(d) Conservation Matters of National Importance**

In 2005 the Authority recommended in a briefing to the incoming Minister of Conservation that the review of conservation management strategies be pursued in a timely manner, that stewardship areas should be accorded specific land classifications which reflected their values, that the inconsistent treatment of national parks under the Crown Minerals Act be addressed, that the protection of kiwi was a high priority for New Zealanders, that there was a need for integrated conservation management, and there was a need for better biosecurity in the marine and freshwater environments and to protect indigenous biodiversity generally. The full text can be read on the Authority's webpage ([www.conservationauthority.org.nz](http://www.conservationauthority.org.nz)). It is true to say that the Authority is disappointed that there appears to have been no real progress with any of these matters.

The Authority received presentations from the Department, and/or submitted or provided advice to the Department or the Minister, on the following topics:

#### Presentations received from the Department

- Systems improvement in RD&I, the natural heritage management systems (NHMS) and approaches to heritage appreciation
- Review of deer regulations provisional decision
- Rakiura National Park Management Plan development
- Feral deer situation
- Biocontrol of heather in Tongariro National Park
- Concessions – limited opportunity concessions and proposed legislative changes

#### Submissions

- Review of Wildlife Schedules (Department of Conservation)
- Draft kiwi recovery plan 2006-2016 (Department of Conservation)
- 1080 Reassessment (ERMA)
- New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (Department of Conservation)
- Biosecurity Science, Research and Technology Strategy for New Zealand (Biosecurity New Zealand)
- Initial Position Paper: Altering the Fisheries (Cost Recovery) Rules 2001 with respect to the Benthic Protected Areas Accord (Ministry of Fisheries)
- Draft New Zealand Tourism Strategy (2015) (Ministry of Tourism)

Copies of the Authority's submissions can be referenced at [www.conservationauthority.org.nz](http://www.conservationauthority.org.nz)

#### Advice provided

- Department of Conservation Statement of Intent
- Himalayan Thar Control Plan
- Transit Roading Guidelines
- Proposed legislative changes involving Part IIIB of the Conservation Act 1987 (concessions)
- Draft policies on matters of particular interest to Maori
- Review of Loder Cup administration and committee structure
- Significant Inherent Values – review of internal DOC guidelines
- Department of Conservation External Relations Group restructure

#### **(e) Change of Status**

The Authority asked the Director-General to be given the opportunity to give him advice on the proposals for New Zealand's tentative World Heritage List but this request was declined.

See also section 6.6 of this report.

#### **(f) Walkways**

No work specific to New Zealand Walkways was carried out by the Authority during the reporting period. (See also section 5.2(c))

### **(g) Education and Publicity**

The redesign of the Department of Conservation's website which hosts the Authority's webpage was completed in early 2007 since which time some updating of the webpage has been undertaken. Copies of minutes and agendas and other information regarding the Authority's functions and activities can be found there ([www.conservationsauthority.org.nz](http://www.conservationsauthority.org.nz)).

No new publications were published during the reporting period. Earlier titles remain available : *General Policy for National Parks* (revised edition June 2007); *Pests and Weeds: A Blueprint for Action* (1999), *New Zealand's Walkways* booklet (2003) (e-version only), *Māori customary use of native birds, plants and other traditional materials*; (1997) and *Department of Conservation's statutory planning processes – "What they mean for you and how you can have your say"* (2006).

### **(h) Priorities for Expenditure by the Department of Conservation**

Section 6B (1) (h) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides for the Authority "to advise the Minister and the Director-General annually on priorities for the expenditure of money".

Authority members discussed priorities for 2007/2008 at its meeting in October 2006 and advised Minister and the Director-General that they were:

- The timely review and completion of CMSs and national park management plans
- A shift in the ratio of expenditure between natural heritage and appreciation, in favour of natural heritage.

The Authority asked to be given the opportunity to provide comment on annual revisions of the Department of Conservation's Statement of Intent.

The Authority resolved to advise the Government about its increasing concerns that the level of funding received by Department of Conservation is inadequate for the discharge of its responsibilities and a loss of indigenous biodiversity and ecosystem health is the inevitable consequence.

### **(i) New Zealand Fish and Game Council Liaison**

Section 6B (1) (i) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides for the Authority to liaise with the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (the Council). The Authority provided the Council with copies of its agendas and meeting papers during the reporting period.

The chairperson, Kerry Marshall, attended a meeting of the Council in May 2007 and addressed it on a range of topics of mutual interest.

### **(j) Ministerial Delegations**

There were no Ministerial delegations during the reporting period.

### 5.3 Section 6C of the Conservation Act 1987 – Powers of the Authority

#### (a) Establishment of Committees

The Conservation Act provides for the Authority to establish committees to carry out tasks delegated by the Authority. The following committees were operative during the reporting period:

Tongariro National Park Management Plan Committee

John Nankervis (convenor), Barbara Arnold, Linda Conning and Piri Sciascia.

Fiordland National Park Management Plan Committee

Kay Booth (convenor), Charles Crofts, Michael Crozier and Wendy Nelson.

Arthur's Pass National Park Management Plan Committee

Michael Crozier (convenor), Kay Booth, Charles Crofts and John Nankervis.

Grass Carp Application Committee

David Chandler (convenor), Basil Morrison and Peter Geddes.

#### (b) Advocate the Interests of the Authority

The Authority advocated its interests in the submissions it lodged.

The Authority was represented at the Recreation Summit organized by the Department of Conservation in September 2006 and the chairperson, Kerry Marshall, was on the governance group for the Summit which he chaired. The theme was Mountains to Sea – Putting Kiwis in touch with their country. The purpose was to discuss challenges and opportunities for outdoor recreation on public conservation land into the future. The discussion was relevant for the Department's work in reviewing CMSs and national park management plans and the Authority's role in approving them.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment met with the Authority at its April 2007 meeting to discuss her study concerning Land Tenure in the South Island's High Country Under Review.

In March 2007, the chairperson, Kerry Marshall, facilitated the PCE20 Forum: 'Advancing Environmental Sustainability' held in Wellington. It considered New Zealand's sustainability progress over the previous 20 years and what the next 20 years might hold. The Forum marked 20 years since the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment was established.

## 6. FUNCTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT 1980

### 6.1 General Policy for National Parks

See section 4.2(a) of this report.

## 6.2 National Park Management Plans

Details of national park management plan approval dates and/or status of reviews as at 30 June 2007 can be found in the Second Schedule at the back of this report.

### Tongariro National Park Management Plan

The Authority reported on its receipt of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan in its previous annual report. The Plan was approved in the presence of the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board and the Tongariro/Taupo Conservator at the Authority's October 2006 meeting held in Turangi.

### Fiordland National Park Management Plan

At its August 2006 meeting, the Authority received the Fiordland National Park Management Plan for approval. Russell Ibbotson represented the Southland Conservation Board. Martin Rodd (Community Relations Manager) and Anke de Jong (planner) were present for the Southland Conservancy.

The Authority established a committee of Kay Booth (convenor), Charles Crofts, Michael Crozier and Wendy Nelson to lead the Authority's work on the plan.

The Fiordland National Park Management Plan was approved by the Committee (which had the delegated power to do so) on 21 June 2007.

### Mount Aspiring National Park Management Plan

The Authority received a recommendation from the Otago Conservation Board in December 2006 for an amendment to the Mount Aspiring National Park Management Plan. The Authority requested more information from the Otago Conservation Board. The requested information had not been received by the end of the reporting period.

## 6.3 Establishment of, Additions to, and Deletions from, National Parks

No new national parks were established and there were no additions to or deletions from existing national parks during the reporting period.

## 6.4 National Park Investigations

No national park investigations were undertaken during the reporting period.

## 6.5 Mining in a National Park

No access arrangements to mine in a national park were sought during the reporting period.

Access to pounamu (which is owned by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu when in its natural condition within the takiwā of Ngāi Tahu whanui) was the subject of discussion between the Department and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu during the reporting period. The agreement reached is recorded in the Fiordland National Park Management Plan sections 1.3.8 and 6.3.

## 6.6 Amendment to Boundary of the Murchison Mountains Specially Protected Area

Arising from discussions with the Committee during consideration of the Fiordland National Park Management Plan, the Department proposed that the boundaries of the

Murchison Mountains Specially Protected Area (SPA) be amended. An SPA is accessible by the public by permit only and is the national park equivalent of a nature reserve. The Murchison Mountains SPA is home of the sole remaining known wild population of takahe (*Porphyrio hochstetteri*). The Authority had some doubts about the proposal as presented and recommended that further consideration be given to it before any public consultation was undertaken.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

### **7.1 JD Stout Trust**

The Authority is a member of the JD Stout Trust. The Trust makes donations or interest-free loans for conservation and cultural purposes. Michael Crozier is the Authority's representative. A single meeting was held in November 2006.

### **7.2 The World Conservation Union (IUCN)**

The Authority is one of seven members of the New Zealand Committee of the IUCN. This committee holds meetings quarterly. The Authority is represented by John Nankervis. Wendy Nelson is the Authority's alternate representative.

### **7.3 Treasured Species Trust**

The Authority chairperson is a trustee. There were no meetings of the Trust during the reporting period.

## **8. CONSERVATION BOARDS**

### **8.1 Conservation Board Nominations**

The Minister is required to consult with the Authority prior to appointing members to conservation boards. In May 2007 the Authority provided its advice to the Minister with respect to the conservation board appointments for 2007. The Authority also provided advice with regard to a replacement appointment to the Wellington Conservation Board in April.

### **8.2 Authority/Conservation Board Liaison**

One Authority member acts as an Authority liaison person with each conservation board. The following members were the liaison persons with the conservation boards indicated:

<b>Conservation Board</b>	<b>Authority Liaison Person</b>
Northland	Piri Sciascia/Kerry Marshall
Auckland	David Chandler
Waikato	Basil Morrison
Bay of Plenty	Linda Conning
East Coast/Hawke's Bay	Linda Conning/Lorraine Stephenson
Tongariro/Taupo	John Nankervis
Taranaki/Whanganui	Barbara Arnold
Wellington	Michael Crozier
Chatham Islands	John Nankervis

Nelson/Marlborough	Kerry Marshall
West Coast Tai Poutini	Charles Crofts
Canterbury Aoraki	Kay Booth
Otago	Robyn Jebson
Southland	Wendy Nelson

### 8.3 Meetings with Conservation Boards

The Authority meets away from Wellington once or twice a year and uses that opportunity to meet with conservation boards and discuss local conservation issues with regional or national significance. As noted earlier in this report, the Authority met with the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board in October 2006 and the Waikato Conservation Board in February 2007.

The conservation matters highlighted by the boards with both regional and national importance were (Tongariro/Taupo): water and landscape issues, research related to the effectiveness of conservation boards as a community voice, the Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan, and (Waikato): the [Coromandel] Peninsula Project, tourism and development pressures, forestry corridors and the Maungatautari Ecological Island project.

### 8.4 Annual Reports

The fourteen conservation boards have furnished the Authority with their annual reports for the year ended 30 June 2007 in accordance with section 60 of the Conservation Act 1987.

They are available in hard copy from the boards whose addresses are given at the end of this report, or at [www.conservationboards.org.nz](http://www.conservationboards.org.nz) and selecting Conservation Boards by Region at the bottom of the homepage.

### 8.5 Implementation of Conservation Management Strategies

Most conservation boards have adopted a systematic process for monitoring progress with the implementation of the CMS for their region and for providing advice to the Department's conservancies in that respect. The boards report on this monitoring in their annual reports.

### 8.6 Conservation Management Plans

Conservation management plans are approved by conservation boards. There were no conservation management plans approved during the reporting period.

### 8.7 Māori Conservation Leadership Hui

A Māori Conservation Leadership hui, arranged by the Authority, was held in June of the previous reporting period for conservation board members who are Māori. The "key messages" of the hui were sent to the Authority to consider. The Authority, which was unable to respond to the key messages before the end of the previous reporting period, considered and responded to the key messages during the current reporting period.

## 9. CONCLUSION

The Authority is not an NGO; nor is it a governance body. It has a statutory and mandatory role which revolves around Conservation Management Strategies and Plans that are submitted to it for approval. As that element of the Authority's work tends to be tidal, it then gives consideration to where it can have the most influence and make the greatest difference in other conservation matters. Significantly, it has a special relationship with the Department of Conservation.

The two members of the Authority appointed in consultation with the Minister of Māori Affairs resigned midway through the year. Lorraine Stephenson had been absent overseas prior to her resignation which is why she attended no meetings in the reporting period. At the end of the reporting period appointments to replace them had still to be made. A strength of the Authority is its diverse membership ensuring that a wide range of perspectives is considered in its deliberations. The Authority was disappointed at the reduction in this diversity for much of the year.

The Authority continued its focus of recent years as advocate for the timely review of conservation management strategies and national park management plans. It considers that if they are reviewed every 10 years as provided for in legislation, and if they are forward looking and strategic in their approach, focusing on values and desired outcomes, they should prove to be invaluable to the management of public conservation lands.

It is worth noting that the Department has to make difficult choices about priorities as its resources continue to be stretched. The ever increasing biosecurity threats, new and old, pose enormous challenges. We are not holding the line and New Zealand's unique flora and fauna are under continual siege. The Authority looks forward to the day when there are adequate resources 'to turn the tide' for both short- and long-term necessary conservation work. Meanwhile the Department's Statement of Intent identifies priorities and related resource allocation on a rolling three year basis.

All that aside, we are fortunate in New Zealand that we have so much of our natural heritage which is protected. This provides a baseline to measure change against, a refuge for recreation and spiritual renewal, as well as being a treasure house of tangibles and intangibles of which the current generation is guardian.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

I should like to thank the staff of the Department of Conservation who have serviced or supported the Authority during the reporting period, in particular the Director-General Al Morrison, Conservators Paul Green and Greg Martin, and those with roles dedicated to looking after us - Catherine Tudhope and Katrina Edwards. I have always found the staff of the Department to be dedicated and enthusiastic, keen to share their knowledge and discuss policy development and management challenges. New Zealand is fortunate to have them caring for our public conservation areas and our special plants and animals.

I acknowledge the contributions made by the conservation board members over the reporting period. Being a member of a conservation board can be very rewarding and enable insights about conservation to be gained which are not readily achieved by the public at large. At the same time, membership is demanding and many hours are given outside of meetings which are of their own unpaid time because they feel passionate about conservation in the areas in which they live. I have been pleased to see that some have received recognition in the New Zealand Honours lists.

Finally I wish to thank my Authority colleagues who have given generously of their time and their skills and who have brought their considerable and diverse life experience to the discussion of matters that come to the Authority for advice or decision. I am delighted to lead a team of such dedicated and remarkable people.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### Conservation management strategies - approval dates

Conservation management strategy	Conservation management strategy activity
Northland	Approved 15 April 1999
Auckland	Approved 31 May 1995
Waikato	Approved 24 September 1996
Bay of Plenty	Approved 4 December 1997
East Coast	Approved 14 October 1998
Tongariro/Taupo	Approved 30 May 2002
Wanganui	Approved 9 April 1997
Hawke's Bay	Approved 19 October 1994
Wellington	Approved 13 March 1996
Chatham Islands	Approved 12 August 1999
Nelson/Marlborough	Approved 12 September 1996
West Coast	In working draft
Canterbury	Approved 14 June 2000
Otago	Approved 15 August 1998
Mainland Southland - West Otago	Approved 10 July 1998
Stewart Island - Rakiura	Approved 4 December 1997
Subantarctic Islands	Approved 16 July 1998

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### National park management plans - approval dates and/or status of reviews as at 30 June 2007

National park management plan	Date approved	Comment
Abel Tasman	July 1986	Under review
Aoraki/Mount Cook	14 August 2004	
Arthur's Pass	October 1994	Under review
Egmont	14 February 2002	
Fiordland	21 June 2007	
Kahurangi	14 June 2001	
Mount Aspiring	October 1994	Under review
Nelson Lakes	10 October 2002	
Paparoa	18 November 1992	
Rakiura	Under preparation	
Te Urewera	13 February 2003	
Tongariro	12 October 2006	
Westland Tai Poutini	13 December 2001	
Whanganui	March 1989	Under review

### THIRD SCHEDULE

#### Conservation boards address list

Conservation Board	Board address (c/- Department of Conservation)	Board Support Officer
Northland	PO Box 842 Whangarei 0140	Jeannie Hogarth
Auckland	Private Bag 68908 Newton Auckland 1145	Raewyn Bennett
Waikato	Private Bag 3072 Waikato Mail Centre Hamilton 3240	Des Williams
Bay of Plenty	PO Box 1146 Rotorua 3040	Leilani Fraser
East Coast/Hawke's Bay	PO Box 668 Gisborne 4040	Sandra Groves
Tongariro/Taupo	Private Bag 2 Turangi 3353	Jo Hood
Taranaki/Whanganui	Private Bag 3016 Wanganui Mail Centre Wanganui 4540	(vacant)
Wellington	PO Box 5086 Lambton Quay Wellington 6145	(vacant)
Chatham Islands	P O Box 114 Waitangi Chatham Islands 8942	Alex McKillop
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