

WARO REGIONAL FEEDBACK/CONSULTATION & LAND ASSESSMENT

REGION: North South Island

DIRECTOR: [REDACTED]

WARO COORDINATOR: [REDACTED]

1. Treaty Partners
2. Conservation Board
3. Consultation with stakeholders & WARO industry

SECTION A: Treaty Settlement implications

If you have any questions about Treaty Settlement implications of an application, contact [REDACTED] Treaty Negotiations Team, and he will advise you who to talk to in the Treaty Negotiations Team.

- Is any site subject to the application due to be transferred to whānau, hapū, or iwi? If no, go to question 4. If yes, identify the site.

Not that we are aware of.

- Has a Treaty settlement disclosure form been completed for the site? Were any existing encumbrances noted on that form?
- Who is leading the negotiations process for DOC in the Policy Negotiations Team?
- If your Treaty Partners have settlement legislation in place already, are there any specific post-settlement implementation obligations that relate to the site or proposed activity?

SECTION B: Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Area Act 2011

If you have any questions about the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Area Act or the consultation required by this Act, firstly check the Concessions Guidance Document, and secondly, contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@doc.govt.nz).

- Is the location subject to any applications or approvals for customary marine title or protected marine rights under the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011? If yes, identify the Treaty Partners who have either applied for or had approved customary marine title or protected marine rights at the location.

Not applicable

- If yes, has the Applicant provided evidence of consultation with these Treaty Partners? *The Applicant has a requirement to consult with anyone who has an application under the Act that is additional to DOC's consultation with Treaty Partners. See the Concessions Guidance Document for more information).*

SECTION C: Whānau, hapū, and iwi consulted

Complete the Consultation Summary table – copy this table if more columns are required.

Consultation Summary			
Treaty Partner consulted with	Te Atiawa Ngati Rarua Ngati Tama Rangitane Ngati Apa Ngati Kuia Ngati Toa Ngati Koata Ngati Kuri (Te Runanga o Kaikoura)		
Date consultation was sent out	First email sent on 20 June 2018.		
Consultation time frame end date	13 July 2018		
Consultation method (email, phone, face to face etc)	Email		
How many attempts made to consult?	Email to iwi Trusts on 20 June Email to [redacted] [redacted] n 20 June (Ngati Rarua and Te Atiawa iwi reps for Tasman area) Follow up email to Rima on 18 July Further email to Ngati Tama, Te Atiawa, Ngati Rarua and Manawhenua ki Mohua on 23 July.		
DOC-CM link to any consultation emails received	Response from [redacted], Ngati Kuri on 21 June	Comment from Te Atiawa ([redacted]): Te Atiawa supports the considered removal of mammalian pests from	

	<p>saying okay with it.</p> <p>Response from [redacted] 23 June saying okay.</p> <p>Replies from [redacted] 22 & 28 June</p> <p>Response from [redacted] Chair Te Atiawa, 23 July</p> <p>Response from [redacted] Chair Ngati Tama, 29 July</p>	<p>DOC managed land in the interest of the integrity of the indigenous ecosystem's health.</p> <p>Seek assurances that DOC requires respect in the behaviour of hunters / recoverers and humane management of other sentient beings. Permit conditions requiring a moral/respectful approach.</p> <p>No objection from Te Atiawa to WARO activity taking place in Te Tai Tapu</p> <p>No objection to WARO in Te Tai Tapu.</p>	
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SECTION D: Consultation with [see above]

Either complete a new section for each Treaty Partner you consult with., or incorporate the responses from each Treaty Partner into one section. These questions are prompts and have been developed to guide you as to what information the Decision Maker needs to make a decision that is fully informed of Treaty Partner views. You may not be able to answer all questions, but do not copy and paste email chains from conversations with Treaty Partners – these should be linked into section B above and the information provided in response to the questions in this section.

- Does this application activate any agreed triggers for consultation with Treaty Partners? *[Delete answers that do not apply]*

There are no agreed triggers – Answer remaining questions.

- Did the whānau, hapū, or iwi engage in consultation on this application? If not, ensure attempts to engage are detailed in Section C.

Yes, replies received via email.

- What is the interest of the whānau, hapū, or iwi in the site or activity?

We are aware of significance of an area known as Te Tai Tapu (residual part of North West Nelson Forest Park) to Te Atiawa, Ngati Tama, Ngati Rarua and Ngati Apa. Replies from Te Atiawa and Ngati Tama indicated they are happy for WARO activity to take place here (see above)

- What are their views on the activity (taking place at the specified site)?

See above

- What sort of adverse effects do the whānau, hapū, or iwi believe the activity will have on their interests (at the specified site)?

n/a

- Have the whānau, hapū, or iwi identified any methods to avoid, remedy, or mitigate these effects?

n/a

- Summarise any other information provided by the whānau, hapū, or iwi.

See *Doc-5552151* for summary of iwi feedback.

2. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH CONSERVATION BOARD & RESPONSE RECEIVED

Presentation provided to Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board on 14 June 2018.

Board happy with Department's recommendations. Board asked DOC to carry out consultation with iwi about WARO activity in Te Tai Tapu, Golden Bay. This was done. See responses from iwi above.

Board paper 18/110/01 at *doc-5487459*.

3. DRAFT LAND ASSESSMENT - CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS & WARO INDUSTRY -

Engagement undertaken	<p>Meetings held as follows:</p> <p>25 June, Renwick: NZDA Marlborough branch. Attendees from NZDA: [REDACTED]</p> <p>27 June, Nelson: NZDA Nelson branch. Attendees from NZDA: [REDACTED]</p> <p>In June & July: meetings and discussions with NZDA Golden Bay branch, [REDACTED]</p> <p>29 June - Follow up email from [REDACTED] NZDA Marlborough branch</p> <p>29 June & 13 July – follow up letters from [REDACTED] NZDA Nelson branch (with map) + document from GAC supplied (not dated)</p>
Summary of feedback	<p>General themes raised:</p> <p>Keen on identified areas in South Marlborough, Mt Richmond Forest Park and Cobb/Tablelands area in Kahurangi National Park being not permitted for WARO activity and deer control being carried out by recreational hunters.</p> <p><i>Nelson NZDA branch</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Branch/Leatham area being a recreational-only hunting area• Nelson Lakes a popular recreational hunting area – extends to Mole Tops along western edge & south to the Spenser Mountains• Cobb River and Mt Arthur area a popular hunting area – note that area available for recreational hunting only should be much larger than the area on current WARO permit

- Richmond range one of Nelson's most popular recreational hunting areas, believe most of it is unsuitable for WARO. Beeby's and Gordon's Knobs and inter-connecting ridge should be excluded from WARO operations as they provide ready access for recreational hunters, particularly the very young and old. Map of area provided.
- Noted that Te Araroa trail passes through a number of areas proposed as open or restricted for WARO and ask DOC to note the safety and experiential impacts on TA walkers.
- Also draw DOC's attention to growing number of kiwis seeking to recreate off-season (due to displacement of increasingly high numbers of tourists visiting conservation estate) who may now experience intrusive noise of low-flying WARO operators.

Marlborough NZDA branch

- Marlborough NZDA branch want to build on existing partnership approach with DOC for Ferny Gair (as per MOU). Recreational hunters target goats & pigs as well as deer. Also carry out hut & track maintenance which benefits all users. Support WARO exclusion area at Ferny Gair.
- Seek extension of Ferny Gair approach to Branch/Leatham. Would like to see WARO not permitted in Branch/Leatham, although support 'restricted' recommendation. Branch/Leatham easily accessible to 4WD and local helicopter operators – it is a highly used and valuable recreational hunting resource of Top of the South (Marlborough & Nelson hunting community). The network of huts and tracks facilitates NZDA participation in a partnership approach with DOC to wild animal control.
- Would prefer Gladstone Downs (added to Tapuae O Uenuku SR) to be 'not permitted'.

Golden Bay NZDA branch

- In discussions with DOC's Golden Bay office, [REDACTED] provided a map showing the earlier area prohibited for WARO (in the 2009 permit) and previous correspondence with DOC which highlighted provisions in the Kahurangi National Park management plan relating to recreational hunting in the Cobb/Tablelands area. The area prohibited for WARO in the 2009 permit was much more extensive than the area prohibited in the recent permit. He wasn't aware of any discussion with the NZDA branch about the change in extent.
- The deer in this area are fallow deer. The Kahurangi National Park management notes (p76) that "*In areas where fallow deer occur, they will be controlled in the first instance by recreational hunting.*"
Pg 116 of the plan notes: It is reasonable to allow commercial hunting under the Wild Animal Control Act to take place over most of the Park "*...with the exception of the Cobb Valley, Mt Arthur and Tableland area...*" for public safety reasons and to protect the experience of visitors to these areas."
- The map at docCM-5552554 shows the WARO exclusion area the NZDA Golden Bay branch would like in the Cobb/Tablelands area of Kahurangi National Park.

Generic points raised:

- Seek consistency between North & South Island roar period closed dates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change summer closure period for South Island permit so that it is consistent with North Island permit (16 Dec to 31 Jan) • Preference for shorter term WARO permit (3 years) – ten years too long. • Areas highly accessible for recreational hunters should be excluded. • Further conditions should be placed on WARO – eg. not taking trophy stags in velvet. • Recreational hunters provide the major game animal management control option for DOC • Would like to see DOC take a more strategic approach to game management, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities restricted during periods when recreational use, including hunting, is highest; - WARO operators to take hinds in preference to stags and a no-stag rule for specific areas where trophy herds are present; - WARO permits to be offered on a 1+1+1 basis (for three years, renewable annually) - Each WARO operator bids for and operates in one area only; - No mature bull tahrs to be shot; - Conservation land acquired under tenure review to be excluded from WARO as these often provide easier access opportunities for recreational hunters; - WARO areas to be identified on the basis of data, such as faecal pellet or browse indices and where high conservation values exist. 		
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	<p>Recommend increasing size of Not Permitted area.</p> <p>See map at: Doccm- 5552554.</p> <p><i>Note: may also include the following area: Cobb Valley part of North West Nelson Forest Park CU 00001 + possibly also Conservation Area Sams Creek (CU 00110) + part of CA Takaka River (CU 00104) Conservation Area</i></p>	<p>management notes (p76) that "In areas where fallow deer occur, they will be controlled in the first instance by recreational hunting."</p> <p>Pg 116 of the plan notes: It is reasonable to allow commercial hunting under the Wild Animal Control Act to take place over most of the Park "...with the exception of the Cobb Valley, Mt Arthur and Tableland area..." for public safety reasons and to protect the experience of visitors to these areas.</p>
<p>Links to relevant documents ((e.g. consultation records, submission record/summary)</p>	<p>Consultation records and notes of discussion: NZDA Marlborough branch – 5552156 NZDA Nelson branch - 5552158</p>	