

## WARO REGIONAL FEEDBACK/CONSULTATION & LAND ASSESSMENT

REGION: SSI

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 Timoti Gallagher, 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.

#### NO

- 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?

**Yes – obligations include consultation if agreed consultation triggers are met. One of these is to consult with both runaka and TRONT if Deed of Recognition or Topuni sites are involved. As the lands being assessed included a number of these sites across SSI consultation with both these groups occurred (see schedule below)**

### 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] [@doc.govt.nz](mailto:[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.

**There are a number of parcels of PCL along the SSI coastline that have been considered in the land assessment process. The activity in question (aerial control of deer etc) is unlikely to intersect with this legislation. Unknown if any of these parcel are subject to applications for the above**

- 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	TRONT	Southland Roopu	Otago Roopu	Makaawhio (South Westland)
Date consultation was sent out	13 April 2018	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	WC agreed to handle our interests with Makaawhio DOC-5541273
Consultation time frame end date	None provided – see below	None provided – was early engagement ahead of stakeholders seeking comment on process and/or land assessments	None provided – was early engagement ahead of stakeholders seeking comment on process and/or land assessments	
Consultation method (email, phone, face to face etc)	Refer email communication <a href="#">DOC-5541207</a> between Andy R and TRONT to establish engagement. TRONT engagement not undertaken locally after this point	Heads up email <a href="#">DOC-5541271</a> and then face to face at the subsequent Roopu meeting in Invercargill 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Heads up email <a href="#">DOC-5541271</a> and then face to face at the subsequent Roopu meeting in Dunedin 7 <sup>th</sup> June	
How many attempts made to consult?	As above	Two – as above	Two -as above	
DOC-CM link to any consultation emails received	None received locally	See minutes to roopu meeting DOC-5541337. Nothing specific about this matter	See minutes to roopu meeting DOC-5541337. Nothing specific  See specific Puketeraki runaka feedback DOC-5541312	None locally

#### **SECTION D: Consultation with Otago and Southland runaka**

*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]*

**Yes** – Answer remaining questions.

**No** – Note that triggers are not met, provide a doc-CM link to the agreed triggers document. Do not complete the remaining questions unless consultation is undertaken.

**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**

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

**A general interest in was expressed by one roopu regarding getting a better understanding the commercial opportunity for iwi as well as for recreational hunting generally.**

**See Puketeraki runaka feedback DOC-5541312**

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

**None given**

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

**Not specified**

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

**No**

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

**NIL**

**SECTION E: Consultation with [Name of Treaty Partner]**

*If required, copy the questions from Section C and complete for additional Treaty Partners consulted with if required (you may prefer to incorporate a number of Treaty Partner responses into Section D). NIL*

**2. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH CONSERVATION BOARD & RESPONSE RECEIVED**

Email to Otago and Southland Boards seeking early engagement in the process and feedback DOC-5541288

- The Otago Conservation Board expressed its desire for more information on the environmental impact of ungulates generally, and noted how this needs to be addressed with the MANP review, especially given the public interest in hunting.
- The Southland Cons Bd provided an opinion that this was business as usual work for the Department and did not provide further comment

#### 4. DRAFT LAND ASSESSMENT - CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS & WARO INDUSTRY -

Engagement undertaken	<p><b>Targeted stakeholder consultation via :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 May 2018 email went to operators, recreational hunting groups, other outdoor recreation groups and any others who had expressed a prior interest, with the WARO Fact Sheet and an invitation to attend meetings</li> <li>- followed up with meetings – Invercargill 26<sup>th</sup> June; Cromwell 27<sup>th</sup> June and Arrowtown (Southern Lakes Deerstalkers) 28<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>
Summary of feedback	<p><b>Central Otago feedback – meetings and submissions</b></p> <p><b>Summary of key points from meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple requests that areas which are easy to access should be closed for WARO to allow opportunity for rec hunting.</li> <li>• Request for a data system whereby hunters can check whether WARO has recently taken place in area they are intending to hunt (to save time/effort if all deer have already been harvested).</li> <li>• Specific sites mentioned within Central Otago District             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oteake Conservation Park: proposed status – part permitted, part not permitted. Rec hunters propose whole Oteake area is not permitted to protect the rec and hunting values present.</li> <li>○ Remarkables Conservation Area (Nevis Valley): proposed status – not permitted. Supported by rec hunters.</li> <li>○ Pomahaka Conservation Area: proposed status - not permitted. Closed under current concession. Supported by rec hunters.</li> <li>○ Timaru Creek Recreation Reserve: proposed status – restricted. Not supported by rec hunters, seeking change to not permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Specific sites mentioned outside of Central Otago District             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Blue Mountain Conservation Area: proposed status- not permitted. Supported by rec hunters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Haketere Conservation Park: proposed status – permitted. Not supported by rec hunters, will be seeking change to not permitted to protect the rec and hunting values present. Ruataniwha: proposed status – permitted. Not supported by rec hunters, seeking change to not permitted to protect the rec and hunting values present.

- Suggestion to either change the timing of the roar closure periods or extend the roar closure period.

Request for easier to understand information: the system of looking at the map then looking up the conservation land name makes it difficult to see what recommendations have been made

### Summary of submissions received

- Specific Sites:
  - Timaru Creek Catchment – 16 submissions requesting catchment be closed or restricted by longer closure date.
  - Dingleburn Catchment – 2 submissions requesting catchment be closed.
  - Oteake Conservation Park – 27 submissions requesting park be closed to WARO activity throughout while two opposed any closure to the park. No submissions to support status quo – i.e. mixture of open and closed.
  - Nevis/ Remarkables Conservation Area – 15 supported closed as per initial land assessment. One opposed closure proposed.
  - All new lands in Central Otago (Map 15)– 14 submissions supported proposal to not permit WARO as per the initial land assessment.
  - A number opposed any WARO activity – i.e. non site specific.
- 35 submissions requested either change the timing of the roar restricted periods or extension to the roar restricted period.
- 4 submissions requested easy accessible area should be closed for WARO to allow opportunity for rec hunting.
- 14 submissions requested conditions change for hinds only to be taken.
- 17 submissions requested up to 3-year maximum concession term.

## **Wakatipu feedback – meeting and submissions**

### **Summary of key points from meetings:**

- Multiple requests that areas which are easy to access should be closed for WARO to allow opportunity for rec hunting.
- Request for a data system whereby hunters can check whether WARO has recently taken place in area they are intending to hunt (to save time/effort if all deer have already been harvested).
- Suggestion to either change the timing of the roar closure periods or extend the roar closure period.
- Request for easier to understand information: the system of looking at the map then looking up the conservation land name makes it difficult to see what recommendations have been made.

### **Summary of submissions**

- Specific Sites:
  - Eyre Mountains - not permitted - 9 submissions requesting change from permitted to not permitted.
  - Nevis/ Remarkables Conservation Area - not permitted – 14 supported not permitted as per proposed. 2 believed area should be changed to permitted.
  - Whakaari Conservation Area - permitted – 3 submitted area should be changed to not permitted
  - Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve - permitted – 7 submitted area should be changed to not permitted
  - Black Peak and Shotover Conservation Area – permitted - 1 submission that area should not be changed to restricted.
  - Dart River – permitted – change to restricted for hinds only and date restrictions
- Many submissions requested easy accessible area should be closed for WARO to allow opportunity for rec hunting.

## Te Anau feedback – meeting and submissions

**Summary of the nine submissions specific to Fiordland or PCL land administered by the Te Anau office and two submissions from local helicopter operators.**

Specific Sites:

- **Fiordland**- 1 submission valuing current control regime in the Wapiti Area
- **Mavora Catchment** – 5 submissions requesting catchment be closed
- **Takitimu Conservation Area** – 4 submissions requesting catchment be closed.
- **Snowden Forest** - 1 submission requesting catchment be closed.
- All new PCL lands added as part of Tenure review - 4 submissions supported proposal to not permit WARO as new areas added a result of the review.

### **Other submissions**

- 6 submissions requested up to 3-year maximum concession term.
- 5 submissions requested either change the timing of the roar closure periods or extend the roar closure period.
- 4 submissions requested easy accessible area should be closed for WARO to allow opportunity for rec hunting.
- 3 submissions requested conditions change for hinds only to be taken.
- Submissions
- 2 submissions requested conditions change stags in velvet not to be taken
- 3 Submissions regarding data capture by WARO operators.
- 1 submission regarding DOC using only WARO operators for and official animal management Operations
- 1 submission that WARO concessions removed if operators shoots less than 200 deer per year



## Murihiku feedback - meeting and submissions

### Summary of key points from meeting:

- Hunters questioned why the Takitimu Mountains was restricted and the Eyre Mountains permitted. [REDACTED] explained the Takitimu Mountains are a tōpuni site of significance to Ngāi Tahu. There is a special condition to remove all animals whole and not dispose of any human/animal waste
- WARO is not permitted in the Longwoods as it is understood recreational hunting is sufficient for this area
- WARO activity will not be permitted on an area smaller than 50ha and there is a 2km buffer which is a requirement of pesticide declaration

### Exclusion dates

It was clarified that no area is open to WARO all year round as there are exclusion periods for Christmas and the roar. Under the current permit these are the exclusion dates for WARO:

- South Island: Christmas: 22 Dec – 5 Jan and Roar: 23 Mar – 9 Apr (and Easter)  
- exception Otago: 23 Mar – 20 Apr (or Easter Monday if it's later)
- North Island: Christmas 22 Dec – 15 Jan and Roar: 23 Mar – 30 Apr

### Summary of submissions received:

15 of these submissions related to land assessment for the Murihiku District.

- Specific Sites:
  - Eyre Mountains
  - Takitimu Mountains
  - Mid Dome
  - Catlins Conservation Park
  - Bald Hill
  - Left of Oreti River between Ashton Burn & Windley River
  - Seaward Moss
  - Waituna Wetlands
  - Rowallan Forest
  - Dean Forest

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the main Eyre Mtns., Takitimu, Rowallan, Dean Forest, Seaward Moss, Waituna &amp; Catlins Conservation Park submitted to be excluded due to ease of access for recreational hunters.</li> <li>• Mid Dome should not be permitted as Tree Contractors working there, easy access for recreational hunters. If it did go ahead, buffer of 2km of all boundaries. Limit of take on animals. Avoid operations over summer &amp; autumn.</li> <li>• Exclude Bald Hill &amp; left side of Oreti River as helicopters operating disturb anglers.</li> </ul>
<p>What changes (if any) did this result in</p>	<p><b>Central Otago Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timaru River Catchment restriction be retained. Restricted is consistent with nearby pcl WARO status. To address concerns raised by submissions it is recommended that closure period be consistent across all restricted lands in the South Island. Consideration to be given to extended Roar closure period of 15 March to 30 April annually.</li> <li>• WARO activity on all new lands (since 2015) in Central Otago District to be not permitted as per initial land assessment.</li> <li>• That the closed and open areas of Oteake Conservation Park be retained. In respect of the <b>Closed area</b> catchments, we do not have evidence that deer are impacting on the conservation values and that recreational hunting cannot adequately control animal numbers. This area is easily accessible to recreational hunters, in addition to being close to farming settlements, with activity potentially conflicting with neighbouring landowners. WARO activity within the <b>Open area</b> catchments has reduced deer numbers by several hundred in recent months, indicating potential impact by deer on conservation values. This figure is likely to be higher as only relates to one operator. Therefore there is not sufficient evidence to close or restrict this current open area. Te Manahuna/ Twizel District have advised that Central Otago District should lead as decision maker for Oteake Conservation Park. They support our decision. Consideration to be given to extended Roar closure period of 15 March to 30 April annually in the open section of the park.</li> </ul>

- The Roar closure period be consistent with all other South Island lands open or restricted WARO lands i.e. 23 March to 20 April.

**Risk:**

- Upper Clutha Deerstalkers contesting our decision of not extending closure of **Timaru Creek catchment** within Hawea Conservation Park. Risk Low.
- Retaining current PCL WARO status in **Oteake Conservation Park** may be contested by industry and recreational hunters as this balance does not service the needs of either party. Risk low.

**Wakatipu Recommendations:**

- No change to all current recommendations except for the locations below:
  - Change Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve and Whkkaari Conservation Area to restricted: ie increase roar closure period from 15<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> April. This allows a longer period for rec hunters but continues to ensure WARO can be carried out.
- WARO activity on all new lands in Wakatipu to be not permitted as per initial assessment.

**Te Anau Recommendations :**

No change to current areas zoned for WARO in Fiordland District

**Murihiku recommendations :**

- That submissions about ease of access for recreational hunters does not necessitate a change in land status for WARO.
- The volume of deer is not being sufficiently controlled by ground hunting and there remains significant areas still available for recreational hunters.
- The disturbance of helicopter activity to anglers around the Bald Hill and Oreti River is thought to be minor and not significant.
- The opening of Mid Dome is restricted between 20 June to 30 September. A 2km buffer is standard operating process when helicopters are operating over neighbouring properties.

Links to relevant documents ((e.g. consultation records, submission record/summary))	<p>Districts Reports – summary of submissions and recommendations</p> <p>Central Otago <a href="https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5523003">https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5523003</a></p> <p>Fiordland <a href="https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5541386">https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5541386</a></p> <p>Murihiku <a href="https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5534380">https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5534380</a></p> <p>Wakatipu <a href="https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5535246">https://doccm.doc.govt.nz:443/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-5535246</a></p>