

Auckland Conservation Board

Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tamaki Makaurau

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1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

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I. Foreword to Annual Report, Auckland Conservation Board, 2009 – 2010.

As I pass the end of my 8th year on the Auckland Conservation Board and my 4th year as Chairperson, I look at the Board and its activities with great pride in the Board itself and the work it has carried out over this period.

There has been a broad range of expertise and experience represented amongst the members of the Board, all of whom have given of their time and expertise so willingly and so effectively. The range of issues on which the Board has made formal submissions is very broad, and the effectiveness of those submissions is very clear. A list of these submissions appears in this report, but I want to particularly mention the submissions on a planned subdivision at Te Arai, and the Board's submission on the Stocktake of Schedule 4 mining proposals as matters where the Board's submissions were particularly effective. Submissions where endangered species were potentially affected were of particular merit, as the Board is especially concerned that these are not forgotten.

I personally have learnt so much from my fellow Board members, and I know that other Board members feel the same, so that the ultimate winner must always be our unique environment and the species that live in it. I want to thank every member individually and the Board collectively for their contributions. I also want to thank our Board Support Officer, Raewyn Bennett for her very generous support, and exceptional organising skills that have made it possible for us to do all of the things we have done, sometimes in very tight timeframes. Kia ora, Raewyn.

There is one issue where I and the Board feel continuously frustrated, and that is that the new Conservation Management strategy has still not been completed. Various members have made hugely valuable inputs to this work, have completed their term on the Board and moved on, and still it is not completed. I hope this will finally go out for consultation and be approved and actioned very soon. CMS's are a major responsibility of Conservation Boards and the Auckland Board, like others I am sure, want to finish the task so that the Department and the public know what the strategy for the next 10 years will be!

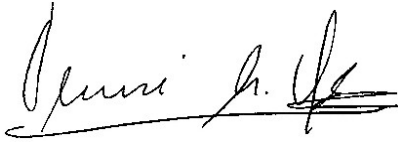
I look forward to another good year in which we will lose some good members and gain four new ones, continue to advocate on some of the same issues and pick up on some new ones, and during which we will each learn something new about the world of Conservation on a very regular basis. It is a privilege and a joy to be involved, as well as a huge responsibility.

There will be some new challenges on the local level as Aucklanders move into a new local governance model. I am relieved to see that management of the Auckland Regional Parks will continue to run under the same arrangements, and hopefully have the same budget.

The kauri dieback disease *Phytophthora Taxus Agathus* (PTA) also known as Kauri Collar Rot that is killing Kauri in the Auckland region (and farther afield) including trees on Auckland Regional Parklands and Department of Conservation land on Great Barrier Island, at Pakiri, and elsewhere, as well as on privately owned land, has been of huge concern to the Board.

We have been encouraged to see that the Department has collaborated with the Auckland Regional Council and MAF Biosecurity and others to address the serious situation, and the Board has received regular updates from ARC Parks Manager Mace Ward. We are relieved that while trees in the Waitakere Ranges and elsewhere are affected there is no evidence of PTA in the Hunua Ranges in South Auckland. The Hunuas are home to a North Island Kakapo recovery programme and contain some fine Kauri so are particularly valued.

The Board's interest in the Marine environment continues. New Marine Reserves are painfully slow to emerge, but we are delighted that the Auckland Regional Council's Marine Reserve at Tawharanui is expected to open in the last quarter of 2010. We will be watching with concern the widening of State Highway 16 (North-western motorway) in west Auckland where it traverses across the Motu Manawa Marine Reserve, which lies in the heart of urban Auckland.



Denise Yates
Chairperson



Maui's dolphin - Photographed by Simon Mowbray

II. Report on Meetings and Activity – 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Conservation Authority and conservation boards are statutory bodies appointed by the Minister of Conservation under the provisions of the Conservation Act 1987. The role of conservation boards is to ensure that the community has a voice in conservation management. They represent the long-term public interest in conservation and are closely involved in local conservation planning and policy development affecting the Department's management of public conservation areas.

Under section 6(O) of the Conservation Act 1987 conservation boards are required to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) with an annual report.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Auckland Conservation Board as at 30 June 2010 is:

Lawrence Beamish, Umupuia	CEO Te Waka Totara Trust	co-opted to	31/8/2010
Jacqueline Beggs, Tamaki	Terrestrial Ecologist		30/6/2012
Peter Berg, Glendowie	Forester		31/8/2011
Peter Crabb, Pakiri	Marine Biologist / NZ Underwater		31/8/2010
Bruce Davies, Warkworth	Self-employed contractor		31/8/2011
Thomas Grace, Woodhill	Farmer		30/6/2012
Tomui Kaloni, Northcote	Architect & Environmental Consultant		31/8/2010
Estella Lee, Remuera	Travel Agent		31/8/2010
Mark Woolford, Mt Eden	Crown Solicitor		31/8/2011
Denise Yates, Huia	Trustee, environmental organisations		31/8/2011

Board member Jacqueline Beggs was re appointed for a second three year term, and new Board member Thomas Grace was appointed to the Board for a three year term in October 2009. Laurie Beamish was co-opted by the Board to replace Carmen Kirkwood, who resigned from the Board in August 2009 due to the pressure of working on Treaty claims.

Laurie Beamish has Ngai Tai whakapapa, and is CEO- Ngai Tai Umupuia Te Waka Totara Trust, with 35 years maritime experience commercial fishing, chartering and living coastally from Far North to Eastern seaboard of the Coromandel including living on Gt Barrier Island. He has had involvement with Mana Whenua forums at local government and regional level which has given an understanding of public processes. Involvement with Ahi Kaa Marae at Umupuia, strong cultural awareness and advocacy working with Marae Trusts and School Boards as well as skippering vessels for extended trips to the Kermadecs has developed experience as a team player and consensus builder. Work with the Iwi in protection of Wahi Tapu has provided experience with the RMA Act, LGA Act and other instruments of protection for our environment.

Dr. Jacqueline Beggs of Glendowie has links with Ngati Awa. She has a Doctorate in terrestrial ecology, lecturing in entomology and ecology at the School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland and is involved with a number of restoration projects in the Auckland region, and the National Kakapo Recovery Programme. Jacqueline was a Fulbright Scholar in 2007 and is President of the New Zealand Entomological Society.

Thomas Grace, of Woodhill – Helensville is a beef farmer and former Rodney District Councillor who donated Thomas Grace Reserve to RDC. Thomas has chaired many community and sporting organisations, his recreational interests include forest running and historic military vehicles.

3. ATTENDANCE

Individual Board members attendance at Auckland Conservation Board activities during 2009/10 is displayed in the table below.

Meeting / Inspection Date	Beamish	Beggs	Berg	Crabb	Davies	Grace	Kaloni	Lee	Woolford	Yates
Aug 20-21 Board meeting	N/A	OL	√	√	√	N/A	X	OL	X	√
Nov 5 Board meeting	N/A	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√
March 18 Field Inspection	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	√	X	√
March 19 Board meeting	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
June 17 Board meeting	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Total Board meetings: 4 unless noted	2 /2	3	3	4	4	3/3	3	2	3	4
Field inspection	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1

Key: √ - attended X - absent N/A – Not appointed OL – Overseas Leave

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4. BOARD DISTRICT

The Auckland Conservancy of the Department of Conservation extends from the west coast to the east coast in the narrowest part of New Zealand and the Auckland Conservation Board's area of responsibility covers the same boundaries. The entrance to the Kaipara Harbour marks the north western corner of the Conservancy and Mangawhai Heads the north eastern point. In the south west the boundary follows the north bank of the Waikato River and the south eastern boundary is on the Firth of Thames at Miranda. Public conservation lands also include many Hauraki Gulf Islands. The largest of these is Aotea / Great Barrier Island, where about 60% of the land area is administered by the Department of Conservation, and the furthest offshore are Rangitahua / the Kermadec Islands.

The Conservancy is now comprised of two areas – Auckland and Warkworth / Great Barrier Island, following a review of the formerly separate Aotea / Great Barrier Island and Mahurangi / Warkworth Area offices which commenced in February 2010 and concluded in May 2010. The boundaries of the areas are shown on Figure 1. The Board's district is a unique one in that it comprises the highly urbanised environment of the Auckland metropolitan area with one third of New Zealand's population, as well as extensive rural areas and remote offshore islands. How the people of Auckland feel about conservation is an important consideration for the Board and also of relevance to the rest of the country.

The conservation values of the Board's district result from an unusually varied array of physical processes (tectonic, volcanic, sedimentary, and coastal marine) and a complex interweaving of cultural influences. All parts of the region have been occupied and used by tangata whenua at some stage over the past 1000 years or more. The Maori record of the district's natural character and its pre-European occupation are a significant aspect of the identity of the district. This was highlighted by the creation of a new historic reserve in July 2008, which includes the archeologically significant Matukuturua Stonefields and the remains of the volcanic cone Matukutureia (McLaughlin's Mountain).

Auckland Conservancy also takes in areas of very significant European historical importance as well as areas of ecological, natural, and amenity value such as the Firth of Thames, Kaipara Harbour, Hauturu/Little Barrier Island, Tiritiri Matangi and Motuora, the inner Gulf Islands, Mansion House and the coastal defence installations at North Head, Fort Takapuna and Stony Batter.

A nationally significant project for Auckland Conservancy has been the Rangitoto – Motutapu pest eradication in the inner Hauraki Gulf. The aerial drops commenced in June 2009 and the third and final phase of the aerial baiting operation was completed on 7 August 2009. Stock were returned to Motutapu in October 2009. Intensive follow-up work was undertaken for rabbits, stoats, hedgehogs and feral cats with trapping, shooting, the localised use of bait and the use of dogs. Only hedgehogs have lingered in the absence of predators. When completed, it will allow the translocation of a number of critically endangered species. In 2009 Kakariki were observed on Motutapu, and Pateke/ brown teal were seen on the main stock pond in February 2010, followed by Korimako (bellbird) which have flown to the island from other sites.

Aotea / Great Barrier Island contains the largest area of indigenous forest in New Zealand that remains possum free. Seven bridges have been completed between Forest Rd and the Upper Kauri Dam on the Kaiaraara Track, and track upgrade work continues including the board walking of tracks past kauri to prevent the spread of kauri dieback. Construction of a new Mt Heale Hut is underway as part of a "Coast and Kauri Trail" project.

Additional water storage tanks have been installed on Kawau and a sewerage system upgrade is also planned. Scoping of the restoration works for the Copper Mine chimney and engine house was completed with an engineers visit in August 2009. The Momona Point track was re opened after an extended closure due to fallen trees.

Rangitahua - the Kermadecs are the most remote islands in Auckland Conservancy. They are cared for by Warkworth / Great Barrier Is. Area Office and present special management issues because of their distance off shore and ongoing volcanic activity. GNS Science installed seismic monitoring equipment which reduced the need for staff to carry out manual monitoring. The New Zealand Navy multi role vessel Canterbury stopped by in July 2009 to deliver additional supplies. Operational requirements meant that a additional private charter vessel was required for a resupply, however the Airforce has provided an airdrop of supplies via Hercules as a training exercise which it is keen to continue.

Hauturu continues to flourish since the kiore eradication in 2004, which was officially declared a success by the Prime Minister and Minister of Conservation in June 2006. The island displays ongoing signs of good recovery. The solar power supply on the island which has now been in operation for three years, has substantially reduced the cost of diesel fuel and maintenance.

The Motuora Restoration Society also raised funds to install a new solar array in 2009, superseding a veteran diesel generator. The Society are also continuing the translocation phase of their project, which last year included diving petrels and whiteheads, with wetapunga next on the list.

People of Ngati Paoa, Ngai Tai and Ngaati Whanaunga assisted with the translocation of Korimako (bellbird) from Tiritiri Matangi to Motuihe, which has also had more little spotted kiwi transferred from Kapiti.

Tiritiri Matangi remains extremely popular with continued intense and widespread public interest and involvement. Its accessibility, the maturing indigenous vegetation planted by many volunteers, eradication of kiore, and the increasing number of bird species make this island a special place. A sewerage system upgrade has been completed to match increased visitor numbers. In the past year Rifleman have been transferred from Hauturu and Tiritiri Matangi continues to be used as a source population for translocation of endangered species to other restoration projects.

The marine environment is an important part of the Board's district and areas of interest. The Board's policy jurisdiction includes the Cape Rodney to Okakari Point Marine Reserve (New Zealand's first marine reserve), Rangitahua / the Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve (New Zealand's largest marine reserve), Motu Manawa / Pollen Island Marine Reserve in the Waitemata Harbour and Long Bay-Okura Marine Reserve. The Te Matuku Marine Reserve on Waiheke Island is the latest reserve to have been established in Auckland Conservancy, and was gazetted in August 2005. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park was created by special legislation in February 2000, and celebrated it's 10th Anniversary in February 2010 at an event on Motutapu Island. The 10th anniversary event was followed by a two day hui a iwi in May 2010.

5. MEETINGS AND INSPECTIONS

The Auckland Conservation Board held four ordinary meetings in the reporting period:

1. 20th August 2009 (102nd) Miranda Shorebird centre
2. 5th November 2009 (103rd) Mahurangi / Warkworth Area Office
3. 19th March 2010 (104th) Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office
4. 17th June 2010 (105th) Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office

The following summary provides details of meetings and inspections undertaken by the Board, and other activities Board members have undertaken during 2009/10:

- a. The Auckland Conservation Board held its 102nd meeting at Miranda Shorebird Centre on Thursday 20th August 2009, which two members of the Waikato Conservation Board attended, their chair Arthur Hinds and Alison Henry.

Dr Bill Brownell welcomed the Board to Miranda and acknowledged the many contributions of retiring Board member Kathy Walsh to conservation initiatives in the area.

The Board Chair welcomed members of the local community to the Board meeting and acknowledged Ms Ripeka Stout and Michelle Wilson of Ngati Paoa as tangata whenua. Dr Brownell gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the work of the Muddy Feet project Stage 2 and the organisation's priorities, restoration action plan and eco tourism vision.

David Lawrie the Chairman of Miranda Naturalists Trust welcomed the Board members and reported on MNT work internationally.

Dr Bruce Wildblood-Crawford introduced himself as a lecturer at the Ecoquest Foundation and further acknowledged Kathy Walsh's work in the community and her level of engagement with conservation efforts. He gave a powerpoint presentation detailing the Ecoquest Foundation's work and outlined its status as a charitable trust.

Ms Alison Henry introduced herself as a founding member of the Motutapu Restoration Trust, as well as a member of the Waikato Conservation Board and Thames Coromandel District Council representative on the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

DOC staff reported on concession applications and board members expressed concerns. Notably, Carmen Kirkwood asked to have minuted her advice that:

"the granting of a concession for Fort Takapuna will be seen by some to prejudice the Treaty of Waitangi Claims settlement process"

Kathy Walsh advised that helicopter landings can be terribly invasive and annoying both to humans and native species, noting that generally people go to islands on boats.

Bruce Davies noted that DOC do not own or manage the rocky outcrops or smaller islands off Aotea/ GBI and cannot approve landings for heli – fishing on these places.

After lunch, Carmen Kirkwood announced that with great regret she had made the decision to resign from the Board due to the pressure of working on Treaty Claims. The meeting adjourned briefly for Board members and staff to farewell Carmen.

The Board discussed Kauri dieback issues with the Waikato Board members, and received a report on the Auckland Transition Authority.

The Auckland and Waikato draft CMS were discussed at length, and the Board resolved to recommend that *" the draft Auckland CMS be notified as soon as possible."*

The Board also resolved to support a moratorium on the commercial harvest of Longfin eels.

In General Business, the Waikato Board Chairperson Arthur Hinds addressed issues of common concern, including

- The danger and pressure that DOC staff are subjected to re the use of 1080 poison
- Mike Lee's comments on the huge problem of sedimentation
- The dangers that caged fish farming pose to conservation
- The value of liaison with Fish & Game

- b. The meeting adjourned at 5.00pm for a field visit to the shoreline bird roosting areas.

- c. On Friday 21st August, board members welcomed Mr. Vivian Milne, an Auckland representative on Federated Mountain Clubs executive. Viv Milne explained the role and work of FMC to board members and outlined FMC views on dual use of tracks by

mountainbikers and trampers, recommending clear signage at all entry points, and that as well as good signage, dual use tracks need to have defined characteristics e.g not too steep or fast, re routing around obstructions and separating in places. DOC staff reported on the Conforming Activity Schedule and asked for input on track/site capacity. A copy of the Nature Heritage Fund Auckland Protection Strategy which had just been published, was tabled.

- d. The 103rd meeting was held at Warkworth Area Office on Thursday 5th November 2009. NZCA liaison member Hally Toia attended. The Board welcomed a newly appointed member Thomas Grace of Woodhill / Helensville District, and resolved to co-opt Laurie Beamish to the Board until 30 June 2010 as a replacement for Carmen Kirkwood. The Board resolved to make a submission on the Game Animal Council discussion document. ARC Parks Manager Mace Ward gave a presentation on the Hillary Trail. The Board received reports on Business Planning for 2009 -10, the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Identity Project, Youth Strategy and Action Plan. Area Manager Tim Brandenburg gave a report on the Vehicles on Beaches Project for Muriwai – Te One One – Rangatira Beach. Peter Vahry, president of Auckland 4WD Club outlined activities of 4WD Clubs, their assistance with conservation activities such as beach cleanups, tree planting, whale strandings and interest in having some access to the Kaipara bombing range at appropriate times. Gwenda Pulham of the Ornithological Society of NZ and Heather Rogan of the NZ Fairy Tern Charitable Trust gave presentations on Fairy Terns and their work to protect the birds. The Chair Denise Yates noted the Director General's decision to call in notification of CMS's and the NZCA revised CMS check sheet. Tomui Kaloni reported on concerns which had developed since the Somoan tsunami, about buildings close to beaches and sea level, and design work that has been done to counter the risk. Denise Young, a DOC Senior Planner gave a presentation on the draft regional coastal plan for the Kermadec Islands, which was in the pre – statutory part of the process.
- e. On Thursday 18th March the Board had a site visit to Rangitoto. Board members and staff went ashore at Rangitoto Wharf and visited restored cottages. They climbed the Boardwalk to the summit, where co-opted member Laurie Beamish of Ngai Tai recounted how the island gained its name, and gave a vivid description of how the Hauraki Gulf, Tamaki and Wairoa Rivers were the main thoroughfares used for transport by Maori until the arrival of European and building of roads. The Board had lunch at the Tennis Pavilion and then travelled to the Sunde site on Motutapu to review the beach replenishment project undertaken by ARC.
- f. On Friday 19th March 2010 the 104th meeting was held in the Boardroom of Auckland Conservancy Office at Nicholls Lane, Parnell. The Board formally welcomed Laurie Beamish who was attending his first meeting as a co-opted member to replace Carmen Kirkwood. Mary Brown the National Programmes Manager for Keep NZ Beautiful gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the aims, objectives and principles of KNZB. Liz Westbrooke, a trustee of Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust gave a presentation on the State of the Environment Report which the Trust had recently published. The Board received clarification regarding the bylaws and management plan under the former Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park Act 1967, which had been retained after the Act was repealed in 1990. Denise Young gave an update on the Draft Regional Coastal Plan for the Kermadecs.

The Board resolved to support the inclusion of 3 private reserves in the Huaraki Gulf Marine Park. Dr Nick Waipara of ARC gave a presentation on his research into kauri dieback.

Phil Brown the Auckland Area Programme Manager for Biodiversity gave a report on Maui's Dolphin Recovery Group work.

Leanne Makey and Deborah Harding the Trust Services Manager for Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust attended in the afternoon to present the Kaipara Harbour Integrated Management Group GAP Analysis Report, which Jacqueline Beggs had reviewed prior to the meeting and recommended to the Board.

- g. Board members Jacqueline Beggs and Peter Crabb attended the New Perspectives on the Gulf 10th Anniversary Seminar on Tuesday 30 March 2010 at the Auckland Museum.
- h. The Board Chairperson Denise Yates attended the bi –annual Conservation Board Chairpersons conference in Wellington on 21 -22 May 2010.
- i. The 105th meeting was held on Thursday 17 June 2010 in the Boardroom of Auckland Conservancy Office at Nicholls Lane, Parnell. The Conservator gave a report on the Warkworth / Great Barrier Area Office reviews and implementation of the new combined Area structure. Sue Barker, DOC Education Officer gave a report on the MAD about Marine youth programme. The Board also received the Concessions Processing Review Report 2010 outlining the accelerated processing timeframes, and requested weekly updates on new concession applications.
James Scott of Orgwright gave a presentation to the Board on web based collaboration and organisation of Board / sub committee meeting agenda.
The Board discussed the draft new approach Auckland CMS and resolved to forward advice to the Planning Unit by 5 July 2010.
Board member Peter Crabb provided an update on the Kaipara Tide Turbine proposal.
Mace Ward, ARC General Manager Parks reported on the service delivery model for parks that has been developed for the new super city.

As in past years Board members valued the opportunity for a field inspection to increase their understanding of conservation and management issues. The contribution of Department of Conservation staff both through practical assistance with the organisation of inspections and their knowledge of places visited is greatly appreciated.

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

Subcommittees at 30 June 2010 are as follows:

Community Relations	Estella Lee (Convenor)
Concessions	Laurie Beamish, Jacqueline Beggs, Bruce Davies, Mark Woolford (Convenor)
Conservation Management Strategy	All Board members, Mark Woolford (Convenor)
Marine	Peter Crabb (Convenor)

Denise Yates was re confirmed to the position of Chairperson at the November 2009 meeting, and Bruce Davies was appointed Deputy Chair at the same meeting.

BOARD FUNCTIONS: SECTION 6M OF THE CONSERVATION ACT

Section 6M(1)(a) Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) approval

The Auckland CMS was approved by the NZCA in June 1995. An extension to the current CMS was granted by the Minister in June 2007, extending the life of the current CMS to 30 June 2010. The Auckland CMS is currently on hold; the Conservator reported to the Board in August 2009 that he had decided not to engage in the expense of public notification until NZCA feedback on the Waikato CMS had been received. In September 2009 notification was received that the Director General had called in the delegation for notification of all CMS. The Board resolved to advise of its approval to a request to the Minister for a further extension until 30 June 2013, at the meeting on 19th March 2010.

Section 6M(1)(b) Conservation Management Plan approval

No new conservation management plans have been presented to the Board. The Board received a report at the meeting on 5th November 2009, recommending that the review of the North Head Historic Reserve Conservation Management Plan be amalgamated with the new CMS.

Section 6M(1)(c) CMS Implementation and Monitoring

- In April 2001, the Board agreed to monitor 16 out of the 24 key areas in the Auckland CMS per year, plus chapter 41: Marine Reserve Management as part of the CMS implementation monitoring process.
- In June 2008 the Board agreed to alter the way they monitored the implementation of the Auckland CMS. The CMS has been monitored through the Area Reports which have been included in the Conservators Report to the Auckland Conservation Board since October 2007.

Section 6M(1)(d)(i) Advice on change of status or classification of any area of national importance

There has been no activity under this section. A longstanding concern for the Board continues to be recreational impacts on the conservation values of South Kaipara Head and the adequacy of the stewardship area status of Papakanui and Papakanui Spit in assisting the Department to address them.

Section 6M(1)(d)(ii) Advice on any other conservation matter relating to any area within the jurisdiction of the Board.

Significant conservation issues where the Board has been involved in providing advice to the Department or other agencies have included the following:

a. Conservation Management Strategy issues:

▪ ***Auckland CMS review.***

The Board provided advice on the proposed new draft Auckland CMS to the Planning Unit in June 2010.

▪ ***DOC Policy for sustainable farm management on DOC Estate***

The Board recommended to the Conservator that the ARC policies for sustainable farming practises be included in the draft CMS for DOC farmland in Auckland Conservancy including Motutapu and Okiwi Station.

▪ ***Game Animal Establishment Committee***

The Board wrote to the secretary opposing any change in the management status of pest animals, advocating for continued control and eradication on conservation land.

▪ ***Stocktake of Schedule 4***

The Board made a comprehensive submission outlining the conservation values of Te Ahumata plateau on Aotea / GBI, opposing the removal of any land from Schedule 4.

b. Marine issues:

• ***Marine Reserves Amendment Bill***

The Board noted that the annual Statement of Intent identified that as a priority for progress in this year.

• ***Draft Regional Coastal Plan for Kermadec Islands***

The Board received a presentation on the pre statutory part of the process at the November 2009 meeting, with an update in March - June 2010

• ***Maui's Dolphin Recovery work***

The Board received reports on the Recovery Group's work

• ***Marine Mammal Sanctuary / Kaipara Tide Turbine proposal***

The Board wrote to the Minister conveying its concerns regarding the likely impacts of the installation.

• ***Motu Manawa Marine Reserve***

The Board kept the impacts of the motorway extension as an item on bring up during this period.

• ***Moritorium on Longfin Eel Commercial Harvest***

The Board supported the Whanganui Conservation Board and Dr Mike Joy of Massey University with their call for a moratorium.

- ***Ban on all whaling and whaling ships in NZ waters***

The Board wrote to the Prime Minister urging him to immediately halt all whaling activity in New Zealand waters.

c. Community Relations (including Treaty of Waitangi and Resource Management Act)

- ***Kauri Dieback***

The Board received a presentation from Dr Nick Waipara of ARC and resolved to continue to take an active interest in this issue.

- ***Non Departmental review of Conservation Funds for Private Land.***

The Board supported independent assessment and ongoing reporting of the outcomes achieved as a result of the funding.

Section 6M (1)(f) Fish and Game Council liaison

Minutes and agenda are provided to the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council.

Section 6M(1)(g) Delegation of powers by the Minister

The Minister has not delegated any powers or functions to the Board.

7. POWERS OF BOARDS: SECTION 6N OF THE CONSERVATION ACT

These powers provide the Board with the authority to run its affairs as it wishes and to advocate its interest through statutory processes. The Board values this opportunity to promote Auckland conservation issues and the conservation of natural and historic resources generally.

A summary of submissions and responses made by the Board during the year is included in Appendix Two.

8. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES: OTHER SECTIONS OF CONSERVATION ACT

Section 4 responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

At the December 2008 Board meeting the Board held a Strategic Planning workshop which decided that Treaty of Waitangi issues and matters concerning Maori would be integral to all the work of the Board.

Section 6Q (1) Co-opting Members

The Board co-opted Laurie Beamish to the Board at its November 2009 meeting until 30th June 2010 to replace Carmen Kirkwood who resigned in August 2009.

Section 16A (2) Exchanges of Stewardship Areas

None were considered.

Section 24BA Marginal Strip Exemptions/Reductions – Public Notification

The Board gave advice regarding a proposed boatshed to be rebuilt at

9. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT

The Auckland Conservation Board has no responsibilities under the National Parks Act 1980.

10. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE WALKWAYS ACT

Walkways continue to be a significant area of interest to the Board, although the Board's responsibilities changed with the passing of the Walking Access Act.

11. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE RESERVES ACT

The Board had no new responsibilities under the Reserves Act.

12. LIAISON

Members have personal contact with a wide range of agencies, interest groups and non government organisations either as members or through holding positions of responsibility. The Board continues to look for opportunities to involve the Auckland Regional Council and territorial local authorities in its activities. Board minutes are distributed widely and newsletters received in return for the information of Board members.

Estella Lee provides effective liaison with Auckland's Chinese Community. She has produced a number of interviews with people involved in conservation in Auckland, including the Auckland Conservator and Auckland Conservation Board Chair, which have broadcast on Chinese radio. Tomui Kaloni likewise provides liaison with Polynesian communities through his radio programme. Denise Yates provides a liaison with the communities and interest groups in the western part of the conservancy. Peter Berg has brought a lifetime of experience within the forestry industry. Jacqueline Beggs who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2007, provides extensive links with educational and scientific communities.

Laurie Beamish and Bruce Davies provide strong liaisons with iwi, including Ngai Tai ki Tamaki, Ngati Paoa, Ngati Rehua, Ngati Wai and the people of Waiohua. Jacqueline Beggs has links with Ngati Awa from the Bay of Plenty.

Minutes and agenda are exchanged with Northland and Waikato Conservation Boards.

APPENDIX ONE: AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The table below outlines the Auckland Conservation Board budgeted and actual spending for 2009/10. The expenditure includes bookings for the Board's tri annual visit to Aotea – GBI which had to be postponed due to the Area review.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL \$</u>	<u>(2008/2009)</u>	<u>BUDGET \$</u>
BOARD MEMBER FEES	\$6,833	\$12,210	11,000
TRAVEL - AIR FARES	\$1,673	\$1,038	500
TRAVEL – EXPENSES	\$3,016	\$6,487	3,700
PUBLICATIONS	\$983	\$1,504	1,500
ACCOMODATION & CATERING	\$3,929	\$1,592	2,600
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$342	200

COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$0	0
EDUCATION COSTS	\$0	\$0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	0
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	\$16,433	\$23,174	\$19,500

APPENDIX TWO: SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Issues that the Board has been involved with during the 2009 -10 year include the following items:

1. Pre-statutory and Statutory Submissions:

To:	Subject:
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	North Head Historic Reserve Conservation Management Plan
Game Animal Council Establishment Committee	Discussion paper on NZ Game Animal Council - elevation of pests to game animal status
Aquaculture Submissions Ministry of Fisheries	To Technical Advisory Group report "Restarting Aquaculture" – status of HGMP
Auckland Regional Council	Draft Regional Parks Management Plan

2. Provision of Advice:

To:	Subject:
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Policy for sustainable farming practices on DOC managed farmland for inclusion in draft Auckland CMS
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Motutapu Restoration Trust 5yr concession application for DUAL
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Helitrans concession applications for landing on Hauraki Gulf Islands
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Fort Takapuna Officers Mess – long term concession application
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Draft Conforming Activity Schedule for Auckland Conservancy
Hon Tim Groser, MOC	Advice of co-option, recommending permanent appointment of Laurie Beamish to Board
Hon Tim Groser, MOC Hon Gerry Brownlee, MED	Concerns re mining Conservation land
Hon Phil Heatley, Minister of Fisheries	Requesting Moratorium on commercial harvest of Tuna (long finned eels)
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Conflicts & issues re Honey bee keeping concessions on Rangitoto, need for research & national policy.
Planning Unit Policy Group	Draft Regional Plan for Kermadec Islands
Hon Kate Wilkinson, Associate MOC	Re Turbine installation in the Kaipara Marine Mammal Sanctuary
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Support to include private land in HGMP- 3 reserves named Atawhai Whenua, Onetangi, Te Haahi - Goodwin
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Supporting DOC partnership with KNZB initiatives
MED	Stocktake of Schedule 4 discussion document
Right Hon John Key, PM	Concerns with policy noting killing of whales contravenes all conservation principles, extremely offensive to Maori

3. Public Forum & Invited Guests:

Group/Speaker	Subject:
20 -21 August 2009	Meeting at Miranda
Ms Ripeka Stout, Mrs Michelle Wilson of Ngati Paoa	Powhiri and acknowledgement of retiring Board member Kathy Walsh
Dr Bruce Wildblood – Crawford, Mr Jono Clark, Ms Maree Limpus, Ecoquest	Presentation on the work of Eco quest and acknowledgement of Kathy Walsh
Dr Bill Brownell	Muddy Feet project convenor
Mr David Lawrie	Miranda Naturalists Trust
Ms Marilyn Fisher	Tikapa Moana Lodge
Mr Dave Goodwin	Artist
Mr Owen Saunders	
Mr Keith Woodley	Miranda Naturalists Trust Manager
Mr Viv Milne	FMC Auckland rep – Friday morning
5 November 2009	Meeting at Warkworth Area Office
Mr Mace Ward	ARC General Manager Parks – Vehicles on beaches
Mr Stephen Bell	ARC Principal Ranger West
Mr Peter Vahry	President Auckland 4WD Club – Off Highway vehicles
Mr Simon Bishop	President NZFWDA - Off Highway vehicles
Ms Gwenda Pulham	OSNZ, NZ Fairy Tern Charitable Trust – VOB issues
Ms Heather Rogan	Chair NZ Fairy Tern Charitable Trust – work of Trust
19 March 2010	Meeting at Auckland Conservancy Office
Mrs Mary Brown	Keep NZ Beautiful proposal for working with DOC
Mrs Liz Westbrooke	Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust SOE report
Dr Nick Waipara	ARC Scientist – Kauri dieback disease
Ms Deborah Harding	TUOH – Kaipara Harbour GAP analysis
Ms Leane Makey	Project coordinator KHIMG
17 June 2010	Meeting at Auckland Conservancy Office
Mr James Scott	Orgwrite website for committees
Mr Mace Ward	ARC General Manager Parks

IV Map of Auckland Conservancy

