

Auckland Conservation Board

Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tamaki Makaurau

Annual Report

1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

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Tawharanui Marine Reserve

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I. Foreword to Annual Report, Auckland Conservation Board, 2010 – 2011.

Tena koutou e nga rangitira e nga whaea

As I approach the end of my sixth year on the Auckland Conservation Board, having become Chairperson, I have been privileged to share with our previous Chair Denise Yates great pride in the Board and the work it has carried out over this period.

The Board has maintained close contacts with a number of communities of interest, given advice to the Department and Minister, and made submissions on a wide range of significant issues.

In keeping with the Board's rohe which includes three major harbours and the Hauraki Gulf with a number of offshore islands, marine issues continue to be of major concern to the Board. We have made every endeavour to advocate for conservation values and protection of critically endangered species such as Maui's dolphin with the Kaipara Tide Turbines. We have also advocated for protection of marine species in Tikapa Moana -the Hauraki Gulf with regard to the disposal of dredgings at a site just outside the 12 mile limit. This remains an area of concern with greatly increased risks.

I attended Maritime NZ hui to develop policy for the decommissioning of offshore oil wells which pose another potentially huge threat to the marine environment and we have been involved in discussions with many communities regarding many and varied conservation matters.

I am thankful for the huge support given by all Board members past and present during my time on the Board. Also special thanks to Department of Conservation staff who have always been willing to work with us to further the aims of conservation in our area of responsibility.

Nga mihi nui

Bruce Davies
Chairperson

II. Report on Meetings and Activity – 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

1. INTRODUCTION

The Auckland Conservation Board is an independent statutory bodies appointed by the Minister of Conservation. It was established by section 6L of the Conservation Act 1987. The Board has the responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the conservation management strategy (CMS) and conservation management plans (CMPs) for its region. As well as providing for interaction between the public and the Department of Conservation at the conservancy level, the Board also acts as an advocate for the protection of conservation values. Its prime role is to advise the Department, and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA).

The functions of the Board are set out in Sections 6M of the Conservation Act 1987, and in the Marine Reserves Act 1971, the Reserves Act 1977. 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 2011 is:

Ross Aitken, Mahurangi	Business mentor	30/06/2013
Lawrence Beamish, Umupuia	CEO Te Waka Totara Trust	30/06/2013
Jacqueline Beggs, Tamaki	Terrestrial Ecologist	30/06/2013
Peter Berg, Glendowie	Forester	31/08/2011
Bruce Davies, Warkworth	Self-employed contractor	31/08/2011
Dianne Glenn, Pukekohe	Hearings Commissioner	30/06/2013
Thomas Grace, Woodhill	Farmer	30/06/2013
Martin Gummer, Parnell	Company Director	30/06/2013
Ian Rodger, Cockle Bay	Agricultural scientist	30/06/2011
Denise Yates, Huia	Local Board chairperson	31/08/2011

A previously co-opted Board member Laurie Beamish, and new Board members Ross Aitken, Dianne Glenn and Martin Gummer were appointed to the Board for a two and a half year term in December 2010. Ian Rodger was appointed for the remainder of the term to fill a vacancy following the resignation of Mark Woolford when he was appointed a High Court Judge.

Ross Aitken of Mahurangi is a company director, and previous CEO of The Equitable Group of companies, now the operator of Waipiata Lodge. He was previously a senior manager for Westpac Group, and is a voluntary business mentor. Ross is also a member of Friends of the Mahurangi, Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Supporters Inc, and was a founding member of Zealandia – the Karori Sanctuary. His recreation interests include kayaking, swimming and tramping.

Dianne Glenn of Pukekohe is the former chair of the Environmental Management & Regulatory Committee, on the previous Auckland Regional Council with connections to both urban and rural communities in the South Auckland region. Her recreation interests including bird translocations, camping, fishing, tramping, walking holidays, visits to conservation land in Hauraki Gulf and also South Island, Australia, USA.

Martin Gummer of Parnell is a FNZIM company director, qualified barrister & solicitor, and a conservation volunteer for Motutapu Restoration Trust with a strong knowledge of NZ native flora and birdlife. He is a former CEO of EECA, Transfund and Auckland Regional Transport Network Ltd. His recreational interests include cycling, gardening, landscaping and tennis.

Ian Rodger of Howick is a retired agricultural scientist and farmer with a lifetime interest in agriculture and outdoors. He is Chair of the Auckland section of the NZ Institute of Agricultural Science, past president of the NZ Federation Freshwater Anglers, and a previous CEO of Te Araroa Trust. His recreational interests include sea & freshwater fishing, sailing and tramping.

3. ATTENDANCE

Individual Board members attendance at Auckland Conservation Board activities during 2010/11 is displayed in the tables below.

2010 Board

Meeting / Inspection 2010	Beamish	Beggs	Berg	Crabb	Davies	Grace	Kaloni	Lee	Woolford	Yates
Aug 19 -20 Field Inspection	X	X	√	√	√	√	X	√	X	√
Aug 20 Board meeting	X	X	√	√	√	√	X	√	X	√
Nov 18 Field inspection	X	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	Resigned	√
Nov 19 Board meeting	X	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	Resigned	√
Total Board meetings : 2 unless noted	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0	2
Field inspection	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	2

Key:√ - attended X - absent N/A – Not appointed OL – Overseas Leave
 (Mark Woolford resigned from the Board following his appointment as a High Court Judge)

2011 Board

Meeting / Inspection 2011	Aitken	Beamish	Beggs	Berg	Davies	Glenn	Grace	Gummer	Rodger	Yates
Feb 1 Board Induction workshop	√	X	X	√	√	√	X	√	√	√
Feb 15 Board meeting	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
May 18 Board meeting	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√
June 23 CMS workshop	X	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Total Board meetings :	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Total Board Workshops	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2

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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 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 lingered in the absence of predators. The eradication has now been completed, and moved into the ongoing biosecurity phase. Planning is underway for the Minister of Conservation to declare the islands pest free in August 2011 and undertake the translocation of a number of critically endangered species. Kakariki, Pateke (brown teal) and Korimako (bellbird) have already flown to Motutapu 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.

The new Mt Heale Hut on Aotea / Great Barrier Island was opened with a blessing by Ngati Rehua on 13 December 2010 and has since proved very popular with trampers, in conjunction with "The Aotea Track" which is a combination of several existing tracks linking the two huts (Kaiaraara and Mt Heale), with options of including two campsites. Entry to this track system can be made from several entry points (Hot Springs Track, Kaiaraara Track or Windy Canyon). The Aotea Track offers a spectacular three-day walk, something that is quite rare through the upper North Island.

Kawau Island Historic Reserve suffered significant damage as a result of Cyclone Wilma in January 2011, due to the 200mm of rain that fell in the region. The damage included flooding that scoured the area by the ranger's house, undermining a section of the seawall and threatening the historic Olive tree planted by Governor Grey. Fill was barged over to protect the integrity of the seawall and tree. Elsewhere there were numerous coastal slips and erosion affected several tracks. A slip broke through the Grey Bach causing significant damage, regrettably the building had to be demolished. Mansion House survived with no flooding or damage, largely due to the remedial work that has been carried out in the past year.

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 repaired seismic monitoring equipment which reduces the need for staff to carry out manual monitoring. Cyclone Bune passed over the island causing damage to the infrastructure including roads and water supply. Several expeditions during the year occurred, one being assisted by the New Zealand Navy multi role vessel Canterbury. In May 2011 the vessel provided transport for the Minister as well as artists sponsored by the PEW group. It is planned that the Navy will assist again in November 2011 with the re-supply and staff changeover, as well as getting contractors to the island to install the new solar based power supply. This sustainability initiative will reduce the reliance on diesel and subsequent transport issues in the future. In May 2011 a separate party of scientists from Te Papa and the Auckland Museum carried out scientific research in the marine reserve, publicising their findings of some species new to science.

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 several years, has substantially reduced the cost of diesel fuel and maintenance.

The main ongoing project on Hauturu is the annual weed programme. Four temporary staff were employed in August 2010 to undertake the 14-week asparagus programme and volunteers were integrated into the team for the first time which worked well. The aerial pampas spraying programme was also completed. The Hauturu Supporters Trust were successful in obtaining grants of \$86,000 from the ASB Trust and Lion Foundation, which gave a huge boost to the programme and put it a year ahead.

Installation of New Zealand's largest off-grid solar power system was undertaken in Sept 2010 on Motutapu Island. The \$768,000 solar upgrade was part of DOC's ongoing Sustainability Programme, which aims to boost DOC's renewable energy use and halve its diesel fuel bills. The Motutapu solar project will generate at least 65,000kWh per year, providing up to 70% of the island's energy requirements. The solar panels were installed on the barracks buildings at the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (MOEC). Power on the island supplies a number of DOC houses (where staff and contractors live while carrying out conservation work), as well as the 12,000 guests per annum that stay at MOEC, Motutapu Farm and pumps for water supply. The power and water distribution networks on the island are also to be upgraded. Cost savings associated with replacing the old system are estimated to be \$188,000 per year. There will be further savings once the water reticulation system on Motutapu Farm is upgraded, as it currently accounts for about a third of the power use on the island.

An upgrade to the Motuihe solar power system was completed in February 2011. Old panels were replaced and additional panels installed so that a greater portion of the islands energy needs are being generated by this means. The diesel generator will still be required to top off the batteries occasionally and to pump water to the main storage tanks but significant cost savings will be made in this regard. The future plan is to convert to solar water pumping to further reduce the generator use.

The Motuora Restoration Society has previously raised funds to install a new solar array in 2009, superseding a veteran diesel generator. Motuora Island in the Hauraki Gulf had the first ever release of 25 captive bred wetapunga in September 2010.

The giant weta were successfully bred from weta originally sourced from Hauturu in May 2009 using a trial captive rearing programme based at the zoological attraction, Butterfly Creek. This pioneering project was led by the Motuora Restoration Society, as part of their translocation plan for the island. It meshes with the weta recovery group's plan to establish several populations around the gulf, ensuring the survival of the species and their long term security.

The remaining 25 captive bred wetapunga are intended for release on Tiritiri Matangi Island, which remains extremely popular for visitors 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 new bore is planned to ensure a constant supply of potable water, delivered by a submersible pump 70m below, up to 2,500 Lt/hr and powered by solar panels which will increase Tiritiri's sustainability by providing a free water supply as long as the sun shines.

The Mangatawhiri section of Te Araroa Trail has been completed with the construction of a back country swing bridge to provide safe all weather crossing of the Mangatawhiri stream, 600m of track benched into the escarpment to alleviate braiding that was developing on the steep drop off the end of the ridge, and a further 2km of track cleared up a ridge line to connect with existing Auckland Council tracks.

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), 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. On 27 September 2010 the Minister approved the application by Auckland Regional Council for a marine reserve at Tawharanui, on the eastern coast of the Rodney district, which is expected to be gazetted in August 2011.

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.



Board members from left: Thomas Grace, Peter Berg, Peter Crabb, with Estella Lee on the bridge to the large kauri tree at Glenfern Sanctuary, Port Fitzroy

5. MEETINGS AND INSPECTIONS

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

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| 1. 20 th August 2010 | (106 th) | Great Barrier Sports Club, Claris |
| 2. 19 th November 2010 | (107 th) | Mahurangi / Warkworth Area Office |
| 3. 15 th February 2011 | (108 th) | Auckland Area Office |
| 4. 18 th May 2011 | (109 th) | 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 2010/11:

- a) Deputy Chair Bruce Davies attended a Maritime NZ Hui in Wellington to review offshore decommissioning policy for oil rigs on 4th August, 2010.
- b) The Auckland Conservation Board held its 106th meeting at the Great Barrier Sports Club, Claris on Friday 20th August 2010. The Board meeting was preceded by a community forum at Tryphena, and field inspections on 18th – 19th August which included visits to the Rosalie Bay Windy Hill Catchment Trust operated by past Board member Judy Gilbert, Okiwi to inspect the new energy efficient staff housing, a wetland restoration project on Okiwi Station undertaken in partnership with the local school, and Glenfern Sanctuary operated by past Board member Tony Bouzaid. The Board also visited the Kaiaraara Hut to see new track work which included board walks to reduce the risk of kauri dieback and new bridges across the Kaiaraara Stream.
- c) Board member Peter Crabb attended the Kermadecs Deep Symposium 30-31st August.
- d) The Board had a site visit to the proposed Waterview Connection and SH16 extensions in September 2010.
- e) The 107th meeting was held at Warkworth Area Office on Friday 19th November 2010. On Thursday 18th November the Board went on a field inspection of DOC reserves in the area including Logue's Bush, Tamahunga and Omaha wetland forest.
- f) Deputy Chair Bruce Davies attended a further Maritime NZ Hui in Wellington on offshore decommissioning policy review on Wednesday 1st December, 2010.
- g) On Tuesday 15th February 2011 the 108th meeting was held in the Old Barracks Building at Maungauika / North Head. Past board member Tomui Kaloni presented his draft Pacific Island Peoples position paper. The Board endorsed Denise Yates' recommendation that Deputy Chairperson Bruce Davies should take over the position of Chairperson following the meeting on 15 February 2011, due to her increasing workload as Chair of the Waitakere Ranges Local Board. Denise Yates was confirmed as Deputy Chairperson.
- h) Board Chair Bruce Davies attended a hui in Dargaville on 7th March 2011 with past board member Peter Crabb, to discuss concerns regarding the Kaipara Tide Turbine project, and a further hui held in Helensville on 12th April 2011.
- i) The Chair Bruce Davies and Deputy Chair Denise Yates joined Auckland Mayor Len Brown and members of the Hauraki Gulf Forum at the launch of a new promotion for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.
- j) The 109th meeting was held on Wednesday 18 May, 2011 in the Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office. Chris Gaskin presented on seabird survey work in the region.
- k) The chairperson Bruce Davies attended the "Forever Wild" FMC Conference in Wellington on 11-12 June 2011.

As in past years Board members valued the opportunity for field inspections 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 2011 are as follows:

Community Relations	Denise Yates (Convenor), Dianne Glenn, Ian Rodger
Concessions	Laurie Beamish (Convenor), Dianne Glenn, Thomas Grace, Ian Rodger.
Conservation Management Strategy	All Board members
Marine	Ross Aitken, Laurie Beamish, Jacqueline Beggs, Dianne Glenn

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 was put on hold in August 2009 when the Conservator reported to the Board 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. The Board received a draft new CMS template in January 2011 for comment. The Auckland CMS Review (together with Northland and Waikato) was officially restarted with the national launch of the CMS process on Monday 4th April 2011. Matt Ward the North Island CMS Programme Manager tabled information at the May 2011 Board meeting and subsequently circulated indicative national conservation priorities table for Auckland to show the type of ecosystem that is a national priority at each of the places listed. A CMS workshop was held on 23 June 2011 to identify and review priorities at places in the Auckland region.

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 July 2010.
 - **Pest Animal Control**
The Board wrote to the Minister of Conservation Kate Wilkinson expressing concern at incidents involving amateur hunters and urging her to ensure the Department is funded to carry out effective pest control and total eradication wherever possible using experienced DOC staff and contractors.
- b. Marine issues:
- **NZ Coastal Policy Statement**
The Board wrote to the Minister of Conservation asking that she progress the proposed NZCPS 2008 and strengthen it to ensure protection for critically endangered Maui's dolphin.
 - **Draft Regional Coastal Plan for Kermadec Islands**
The Board received an update at the board meeting in February 2011 that the plan had been notified for submissions closing on 31st March 2011
 - **Maui's Dolphin Recovery work**
The Board received minutes and regular reports on the Recovery Group's work.
 - **Marine Mammal Sanctuary / Kaipara Tide Turbine proposal**
The Board wrote to the Minister of Conservation asking her not to sign off on the tide turbine project because of potential impacts on Maui's dolphin, snapper and other marine species and organisms.
 - **Motu Manawa Marine Reserve**
The Board made a submission on the Waterview Connection proposal.
 - **Aquaculture**
The Board wrote to the Waikato Conservation Board asking that it liaise on the proposal for fin fish farming in the Firth of Thames
 - **Disposal of Dredgings**
The Board wrote to the Director of Maritime NZ regarding its concerns about the disposal of dredging at a site close to Aotea/ Great Barrier Island, noting that these could be disposed of to landfill.
- c. Community Relations (including Treaty of Waitangi and Resource Management Act)
- **Kauri Dieback**
The Board received Kauri Konnect newsletters and an update from Dr Nick Waipara at the November 2010 meeting.
 - **RMA interface with the Conservation Act**
The Board provided advice to Doris Johnston the Deputy Director of General Policy regarding a combined process for resource consents and concessions for nationally significant proposals.
 - **Staff Housing Rentals for new properties in remote locations**
The Board wrote to the Minister of Conservation outlining community concerns about the high cost of new staff rental housing at Okiwi, and urged the Minister to investigate standard rentals across the country reflecting the size and condition of the housing.

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

Minutes and agenda are provided to the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council. Ian Rodger provides information of interest on Fish and Game activities and also the Taupo Fishery run by DOC as he is on the 'Taupo Fish Advisory Committee' (TFAC)

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

No members were co-opted in the 2010-11 year

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 Bayswater.

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 Council and territorial local authorities in its activities. Board minutes are distributed widely and newsletters received in return for the information of Board members.

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 provides extensive links with educational and scientific communities. Ian Rodger provides a liaison with Fish & Game, and fresh water interests including the Taupo Fish Advisory Committee. Dianne Glenn attends Hauraki Gulf Forum meetings as an observer for the Board.

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.

Appendices

APPENDIX ONE: AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The table below outlines the Auckland Conservation Board budgeted and actual spending for 2010/11.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL \$</u>	<u>(2009/2010)</u>	<u>BUDGET \$</u>
BOARD MEMBER FEES	\$10,452	\$6,833	11,000
TRAVEL - AIR FARES	\$596	\$1,673	500
TRAVEL - EXPENSES	\$4,191	\$3,016	3,700
PUBLICATIONS	\$776	\$983	1,500
ACCOMODATION & CATERING	\$3,525	\$3,929	2,600
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$32	\$0	200
	\$19,572	\$16,433	\$19,500

APPENDIX TWO: SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Issues that the Board has been involved with during the 2010 -11 year include the following items:

1. Pre-statutory and Statutory Submissions:

To:	Subject:
Doris Johnston, DDG Policy	Draft new approach CMS
Hauraki District Council	Submission on Proposed Plan Change 35
Environmental Protection Agency	Motu Manawa Marine Reserve & SH16 extensions
Doris Johnston, DDG Policy	RMA interface with Conservation Act
MfE Land & Water Management Team	Draft NPS Indigenous Biodiversity

2. Provision of Advice:

To:	Subject:
Minister of Conservation	Proposed NZCPS 2008 & protection for Maui's Dolphin
Concessions Officer	Comments on proposed boatshed at Bayswater
Minister of Conservation	Game Animal Council and pest eradication objectives
Minister of Conservation	Staff Housing Rentals
John Galilee , SLM	Recommendation on Tiritiri day visitor increase trial
Waikato Conservation Board	Concerns re Aquaculture proposal -caged fin fish farming
Minister of Conservation	Concerns re Kaipara Tide Turbines
Minister of Fisheries	Measures to reduce seabird by catch
Director of Maritime NZ	Concerns re Dredging Disposal site

3. Public Forum & Invited Guests:

Group/Speaker	Subject:
19 August 2010	Public Forum at Tryphena
Rodney Ngawaka	Trustee of Ngati Rehua Ngati Wai ki Aotea – CMS / Vision
Rendt Gorter	CMS / DOC's Vision for the future
Judy Gilbert	Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust - CMS
Izzy Fordham	CMS and Area Office review
Angela Wright	Staff reductions
Kiri Parker	Staff reductions
20 August 2010	Meeting at Claris
Paul Downie	Community Board
Judy Gilbert	Great Barrier Trust – pest eradication projects & CMS
Richard Somerville – Ryan	Community Board
Izzy Fordham	Community Board liaison & DOC volunteer fire fighting
Kevin Burke	Barrier Bulletin, location of DOC offices
Diana Simpson	Support for visitor information at Port Fitzroy
Bryan Bell	Concerns about staff housing in same location as office.
Ethne Bellingham	Attended meeting
Don Armitage	Attended meeting
Angela Hills	Attended meeting
Gendie Somerville – Ryan	Attended meeting
Gendie Jury	Attended meeting
Steve Jury	Attended meeting
Ken Scott	Attended meeting
Karen Cook	Attended meeting
Sue Daly	Attended meeting
Emmy Pratt	Attended meeting
Teresa Manion-Wood	Attended meeting
Christina Spence	Attended meeting
Fenella Christian	Attended meeting
19 November 2010	Meeting at Warkworth Area Office
Dr Roger Grace	The need for “no take” marine protected areas
Dr Nick Waipara	Kauri dieback – PTA disease update
Ms Noeline Massey	Tree Council Field Officer – proposed policy for council.
15 February 2011	Meeting at Auckland Conservancy Office
Tomui Kaloni	Pacific Island peoples position paper
Ian Maxwell	Auckland Council Manager for Parks, Sports & Recreation
18 May 2011	Meeting at Auckland Conservancy Office
Ian Maxwell	Auckland Council Manager for Parks, Sports & Recreation
Chris Gaskin	Seabird research
Judy Hanbury	Hauturu / Little Barrier Island Supporters

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