



Tauranga Anglers Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone and welcome to another exciting edition of the Tauranga Anglers Club Newsletter.

The seasons have changed, Autumn is upon us and the Trout are packing on weight, prior to the Winter spawning cycle, a great time to be out fishing and catch good weight fish. The streams will fish well, especially after rain or a cold snap, triggers the Trout's spawning urges.

Many thanks to those people who went to Taupo to fish the Inter Clubs Championships. The small team didn't weigh in, but won a few prizes, particularly Phil Sinclair who won the "Hard Luck" award, hooking and losing fish. As expected the Taupo club easily won the tournament with over 20kg of fish weighed in, with Whakatane finishing second, a long way behind the host club with 7 kg.

The last club night was well attended and those present were treated to an excellent talk by Karsten Nebden of Manic Tackle, who gave a detailed talk on what makes good flies and how they behave in the water to attract Trout to take.

The next club trip will be to the Blue Lake area, on the weekend of 21st - 23rd of May, there are some good Lakes to fish in the area, Blue Lake, Tarawera and Okaraka and excellent accomodation to be had if you are staying over at the holiday Park opposite the Blue Lake.

Just a reminder that the club has an active Facebook Page Tauranga Anglers Club, a dedicated website [Home | Tauranga Anglers](#) and an extensive library of books and DVD's to borrow, as well as other merchandise.

Finally a number of us on the committee will be standing down at the AGM, moving onto new activities, so look out for these positions being advertised over the next couple of months and also at the club night and on the Facebook page. The club will be on the look out for new committee members.

Rebecca



Trout farming ban continuation welcomed

The Government's decision to reject commercial trout farming is a responsible move and will come as welcome news to the 150,000 freshwater anglers throughout the country, says Fish & Game New Zealand.

A recently released Government response to the Primary Production Committee has declined to review the legislation that prohibits trout farming, citing that there is no analysis on the benefits of farming trout or what risks it presents to the wild fishery.

New Zealand Fish and Game Council Chair Ray Grubb says he is encouraged that the Government has given serious consideration to the adverse impact on the recreational fishery that trout farming poses.

"Trout fishing is a highly valued recreation for so many New Zealanders, with family traditions stretching back generations, and is also of significant economic value to the country. New Zealand is widely recognised as the premier trout fishing destination in the world, something the country can genuinely be proud of," Mr Grubb says.

"During Covid restrictions and in the absence of international anglers, we've seen a significant increase in Kiwis buying angling licences and travelling around their own country fishing for trout.

They contribute millions to the regions when accommodation and service providers are struggling and desperately need the income.

"It makes no sense putting at risk the recreational fishery, and all it contributes to the economy and people's wellbeing, as well as our international image, for questionable gains from commercial speculators."

Fish & Game is funded solely from the sale of licences to recreational anglers and hunters; it is the lead organisation fighting for water quality, clean rivers and lakes, and wetland habitat to the benefit of all New Zealanders, and both native and valued introduced species.

Mr Grubb says the move to reject trout farming is a responsible decision by the Government.

Commercialisation would be inconsistent with the good work currently being undertaken on freshwater management and policy.

"Trout are an iconic clean water species and a healthy wild population in New Zealand is an ideal and important fit with our international brand."

Internationally, commercial trout and salmon farming has had disastrous impacts on wild populations, introducing disease and causing majority environmental degradation as well as contributing to poaching for the black market.

Currently, wild trout and salmon cannot be bought or sold in New Zealand and it remains illegal to farm trout.

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Meetings:

3rd Monday of the Month
Tauranga Fish & Dive Centre
60 Cross Road
Sulphur Point
7.30pm
Clubroom ph: 571 8450

Life Members:

Peter Garaway	Stuart Vaughan
Mike Limmer	Bernie Findlay
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

May

Mon 17th: Club Night: Speaker TBC

Sat 22nd-Sun 23rd: Club Trip: Blue Lake

June

Mon 21st: Club Night: Speaker TBC

Sat 26th: Club Trip: Lake Okataina

Notice of Ramp Closure in the Eastern Region

The Hamurana boat ramp, Lake Rotorua will be closed for works for about three weeks from the 10th of May.



MAY CLUB NIGHT

Monday 17th May

Speaker from 7.30pm:

Speaker TBC

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Government Takeover Of Fish And Game Will Be Hotly Challenged By 100,000 License Holders

Press Release: Outdoors Party

The NZ Outdoors Party is very concerned by the newly released recommendations of the Fish and Game review two person panel set up by Eugenie Sage when she was Conservation Minister.

"They need full, open and proper debate and should not be undemocratically bull-dozed through," says NZ Outdoors Party President Alan Simmons. "I am alarmed at the cavalier dictatorial approach of the current Fish and Game chair Rainsford (Ray) Grubb who was quoted on Radio NZ as saying national fish and game council would begin voluntarily enacting the recommendations before the 150,000 plus fish and game public have time to consider the consequences of the recommendations".

Fish and Game is well known to the NZ Outdoors Party President, Alan Simmons who was one of the 12 foundation Councillors of Fish and Game setting up the organization on behalf of the minister in 1989, and went on to become an elected NZ Councillor for 4 years and then sat the Eastern Region council for 11 years.

"There has always been a difficult relationship between Fish and Game and the government "says Alan Simmons. " The Department of Conservation who are legislatively responsible for Fish and Game concentrate on managing native species and seem to have lost their resolve to advocate for freshwater. DOC with an anti-introduced species phobia, consider trout, salmon and game birds as intruders and conflict will always be a problem."

Underlying any Fish and Game internal administration and management has been the vexed question of centralisation. Even in the early 1990s, soon after fish and game councils were introduced it soon became obvious that a problem would always exist between the NZ Council whose role was to co ordinate the 12 regional councils and the regional councils whose role was to manage the resources, he says.

One of the recommendations is that the NZ Councillors needed to be elected as independent board members as it should have been from the beginning but the legislation made them an appointee of the region resulting in regional control over the NZ Council.

"But that's over to Fish and Game to remedy and does not justify a state trespassing and takeover as the review seems to make a push for," he says. "The reports proposal to reduce the regions from 12 to 6 and sharing expertise between regions is a good one" Alan Simmons said "but the proposal to reduce the number of elected Councillors from 12 to 4 with another 4 to be

appointed by the minister can only be seen as an audacious and arrogant takeover of this user-say, user-pay organization by this government."

Fish and Game has a long historic tradition of managing game birds and freshwater fishing since the introduction of fish and birds to NZ in the 1800's via the European settler formed Acclimatisation Societies. Fish and Game had been at times strong advocates for environment issues most notably with Water Conservation order protections for the public's rivers in the face of government exploitation.

"Many of the environmental wins we currently have now were hard fought for by the old Acclimatisation societies and as an example the current protection and purity of many river headwaters came about as a result of river conservation orders hard fought for and funded by the trout and salmon fishing public over the past years. "

Most of the wetlands still intact were either purchased or saved by hunters. Most of these would not exist today such as the Kaituna wetland purchased by fund raising sausage sizzles and generous donations by the Tauranga Acclimatisation Society.

"I was on the Acclimatization Society council in the 1970's and recall vividly the hard fought campaigns to save what are now treasured places," he says..

One of the legislative roles of Fish and Game has been advocacy around clean water and this has consumed a lot of anglers funds without any input from Government who abdicated their role in "clean water" while allowing Federated farmers to engage in a concerted war on Fish And Game because they did not like Fish and Game's advocacy on dirty dairying. This extensive prejudiced criticism by Federated Farmers to the review panel helped convince the minister to holding the review while Fish and Game were really carrying out its responsibilities as required of them under the Conservation act.

He says there are deep concerns around government appointees.

"Will they be mere puppets for the government of the day bearing in mind environmental threats to wetlands and waterways invariably come from government? Also of concern is the requirement under the conservation act that Fish and Game Councillors cannot be paid for their time and work thus begging the question that if government appointees were assigned to councils would they be paid and not the other four Councillors? "

Alan Simmons says if everyone was to be paid then the cost of fishing and hunting licenses would have to double and become unaffordable to lower income New Zealanders, thus destroying the egalitarian tradition of fishing and hunting sports being available to all.

Amazing Fishing Opportunities At Lake Pupuke



Three hundred large rainbow trout have been released by Fish & Game staff into the Quarry Lake arm of Lake Pupuke on the North Shore this week and fishing has never been better.

The traditional release site on the East side of the lake was shifted to the smaller quarry lake to improve catch rates for anglers.

Fishing is excellent at the moment and one lucky angler caught and released 30 trout in a day's fishing.

Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Fisheries manager Dr Adam Daniel said the small area of Quarry Lake makes it about 20 times more likely that anglers will catch trout compared to fishing in the main lake.

Because the fish have come from a hatchery, they will be adjusting to feeding on their own so fishing with bait under a float will be extremely effective for the next couple of weeks.

Quarry lake is located between Northcote Road and the hospital next to the North Shore Canoe Club.

The new landscaping around the lake makes it a great spot to take kids fishing.

Dr Daniel wanted to remind anglers that a licence is required to fish for trout but kids' licences are free and available on the Fish & Game Website.

Hefty fine for company behind Canterbury chemical spill



A Canterbury company has been fined \$120,000 for contaminating a Mt Somers waterway, killing hundreds of fish.

Harrison Spraying Services was sentenced on April 21, after earlier pleading guilty to spilling an agrichemical onto land near a stock water race which runs through Mt Somers village.

Environment Canterbury said a truck driver for the company was mixing a tank of the chemical with water from the race when it overflowed.

The regional council estimated between 600 to 1000 fish died along a roughly 6km stretch of the waterway.

That included brown trout, common bullies, native kōkopu and kēwai (freshwater crayfish).

Inspections by staff about six months after the incident found that the discharge was still having an effect, with an absence of fish species downstream from where the incident occurred.

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Trout in troubled waters

Masterton deputy mayor Graham McClymont says he is fed up with Greater Wellington Regional Council and Fish and Game after his submission to the Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee regarding trout issues appears to have disappeared.



In his 2018 submission, McClymont said there seemed to be a conflict between protecting and restoring the trout fishery and protecting habitats for indigenous fish populations.

McClymont felt his submission was not "too far out to dismiss", and unless it had been too outlandish or defamatory, it should have been read by the committee.

He said local government was supposed to be open.

He said the implementation plan mentioned exotic fish with statements such as "removal of pest fish" and "maintaining exotic fish at a level not restricting the vitality of indigenous fish populations".

According to Fish and Game, Brown trout were introduced to New Zealand just more than 150 years ago from British stock that had been established in Tasmania only three years earlier.

McClymont said torrentfish appeared to be used as an indicator species with a desire to maintain 90 per cent of habitat space, the riffles and rapids that trout also favoured.

He said the torrentfish was on the 2014 International Union for Conservation of Nature red list.

The fish were marked as vulnerable and needed protection.

All the while, both brown and rainbow trout were protected by the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 as a schedule one sports fish, McClymont said.

He said there was evidence of trout predation on indigenous fish in the Ruamahanga catchment.

"It is harming the species.

"If we are serious about restoring the values of the Ruamahanga catchment, I would ask that GWRC investigate repealing the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 – and actively remove all exotic fish, especially trout, from the entire catchment."

He said if community members such as farming operations and businesses that relied on water for their livelihood were asked to make changes, then sports fishers also needed to play their part.

"Unless exotic fish are removed, it will be hard to assess the impact that other changes are having on indigenous fish populations."

He said it could be that trout populations had a corresponding increase and devoured more torrentfish.

Regional council general manager of environment management Al Cross confirmed the regional council had received McClymont's submission, notified him at the time, and gave it "detailed and respectful consideration".

Cross said the regional council was interested in the views of stakeholders, and the Whaitua process was designed to encourage them to engage.

"We received the submission in 2018 in the context of the Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee completing its report, at which point it asked for and received comments on a draft," he said.

Cross said the process wasn't intended to be formal but was regarded as a "valuable way of gathering information towards the end of the Whaitua committee's tenure".





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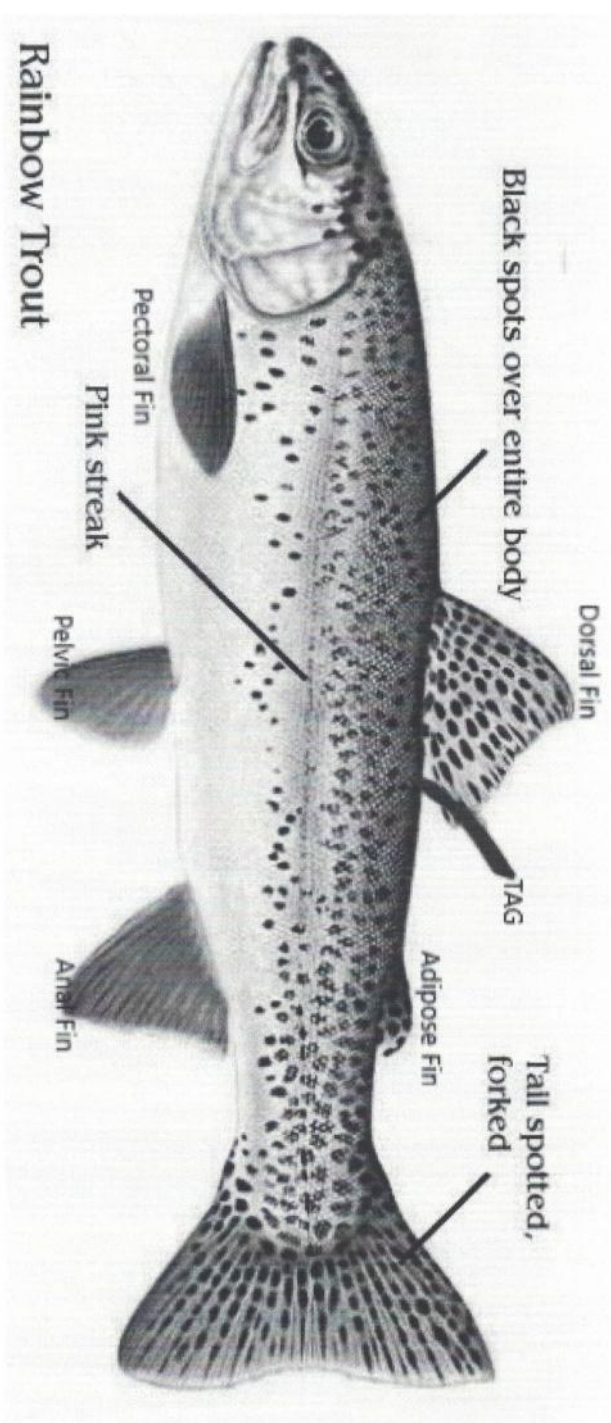
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Rainbow Trout

Black spots over entire body

Dorsal Fin

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Adipose Fin

Tail spotted,
forked

Pectoral Fin

Pink streak

Pelvic Fin

Anal Fin

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Hatchery Clip: Right Pelvic--RP, Left Pelvic--LP, Adipose--AD.

He said comments had been received verbally and in writing at Whaitua committee meetings, with no hearings scheduled.

"The approach of the Whaitua committee was to consider feedback by topic rather than by submitter; hence we didn't respond directly to submissions."

On the topic of trout, Cross said the issue was considered by the Whaitua committee several times, including during the preparation of the report.

He said there had been considerable support for the same view expressed by McClymont, although it was not universal.

This led the committee, among other things, to use torrentfish as the indicator to set minimum flows, Cross said.

The result was tension in the Whaitua report and the Resource Management Act, he said.

"The committee and GWRC were bound by the legislation that it worked within; this included the status of trout in the Resource Management Act."

Cross said that other legislation, although not considered by the Whaitua committee, supported the current status of trout.

Included were parts of the Conservation Act regarding Fish and Game Councils and Freshwater Fisheries Regulations.

Although neither the Whaitua committee nor the regional council could change these, Cross said the status of trout in the RMA was an issue at a national level.

"The Government is reviewing the structure and role of Fish and Game Councils at present. Change in these areas is likely, although the outcome is not clear at present."

Cross said McClymont's submission was insightful and valuable.

The committee made changes as a result and then finalised its report. The regional council then accepted the report, he said.

CLUB INFO

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Family (Two adults & kids under-18)	\$ 45
Adult	\$ 40
Junior (13—17 yrs)	\$ 10
Child (12 yrs and under)	Free

NB: Club year runs from 1 July to 30 June.
Subscriptions cover the following year if new members join in May or June.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Second Monday each month, 7pm, clubrooms at Tauranga Fish & Dive Centre. Members are welcome to attend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/POSTCODE

Please let the Secretary know any changes to your postal address and/or phone number so you still receive your newsletter.

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CLUB PHOTO ALBUM

We would like photographs for the club album. If you have any that may be suitable, bring them along on club night and give them to a committee member or Mike Limmer.

CLUB LIBRARY

There is a club library which is available on club nights. It holds good books and videos covering fly fishing techniques and fly tying. To borrow from the library is free to all members and Bernie can be contacted for further information.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

All articles need to be to the editor by the last Monday of the preceding month. Items can be emailed to the club's email address: taurangaanglersclub@hotmail.com or directly to jfuller72@gmail.com; or posted to 2 Flinders Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga, 3112.

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Trophy application forms are available on club trips, cub nights, and from the club website.

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If you are new to the club or new to fly fishing and have any questions about the sport, ask on a club night or trip, we'll do our best to answer it or put you in touch with another member who knows the most on the subject.

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CLUB WEBSITE

Suggestions for improvement or amendment please direct towards a committee member or Dylan Thorne.

CLUB INFO

CONTACTING A RANGER:

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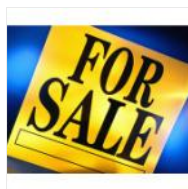
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