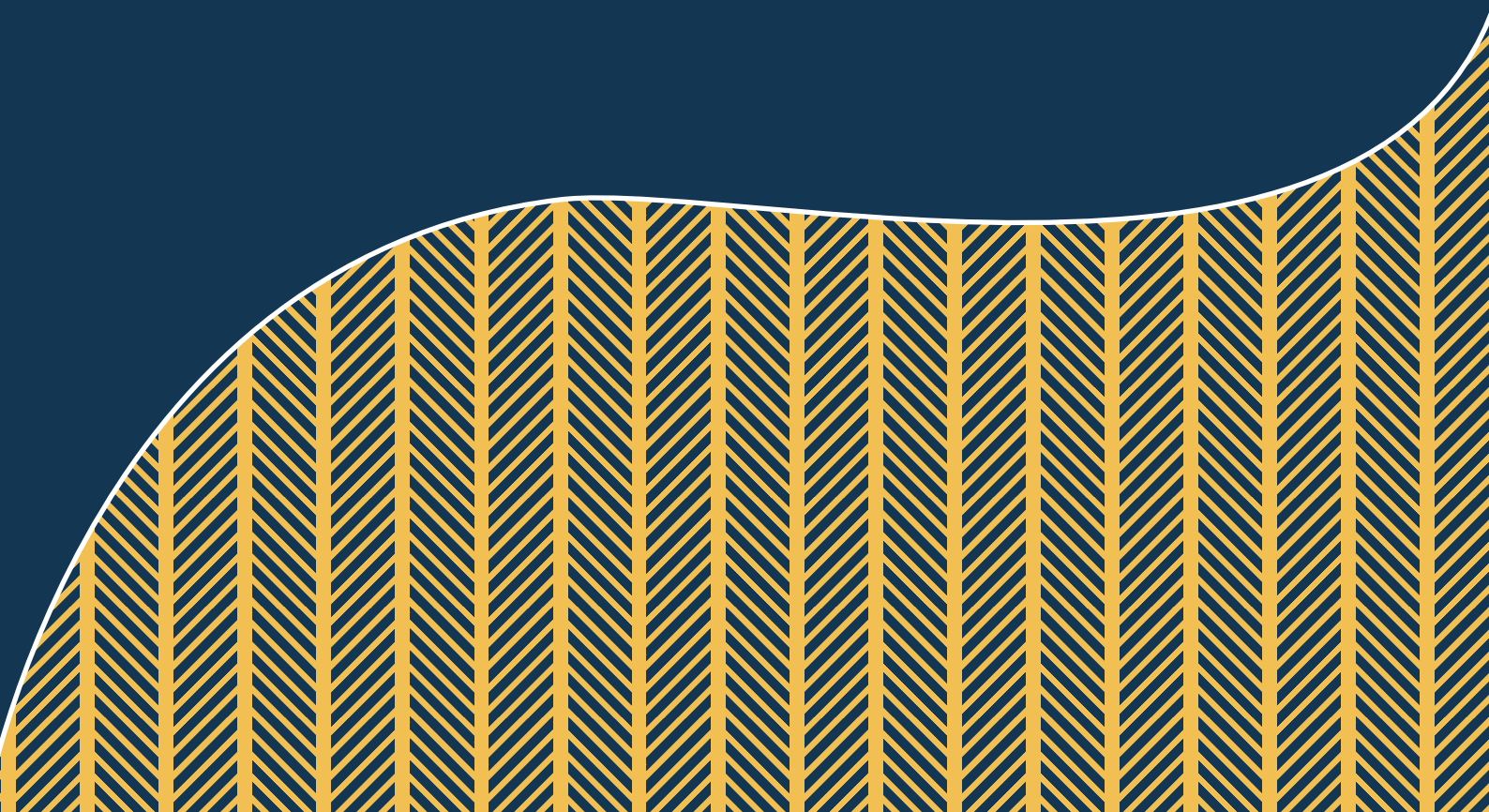




Te Wai Māori

QUARTER REPORT THREE
1 APRIL 2019 - 30 JUNE 2019



He reo tō te wai

He reo tō te tangata

Kotahi tonu te whakapapa

Whakakotahia!



Summary

This briefing for Iwi provides an overview of Te Wai Māori's work against the 2018/19 Annual Plan and covers the period 1 Āperira 2019 to 30 Hune 2019.

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Karakia

Ko Rangi

Ko Papa

Ka puta ko Rongo

Ko Tane Mahuta

Ko Tangaroa

Ko Tumatauenga

Ko Haumietiketike

Ko Tawhirimatea

Tokona te Rangi ki runga

Ko Papa ki raro

Ka puta te ira tangata ki te whai ao,
ki te ao marama

E Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga, Kia Tina! Tina!

Hui e, Taiki e!



Chair's Kōrero

Tēnā koutou,

I'm pleased to present the third quarterly (Q3) report on the activities of Te Wai Māori against our 2018/19 Annual plan, which covers the period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019.

This quarterly report has been developed to give Iwi more regular insight into the work the Trust undertakes on behalf of Mandated Iwi Organisations.

The key strategic priorities for Te Wai Māori Trust for the year are:

- Protect Māori rights and interests in freshwater and freshwater fisheries;
- Advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries; and
- Build and maintain effective strategic relationships.

We welcome your feedback on the structure and content of our reporting.

Ngā mihi,



Ken Mair

Chair - Te Wai Māori



Our Board



Ken Mair

Chair



Lisa te Heuheu

Deputy Chair



Miria Pomare

Director



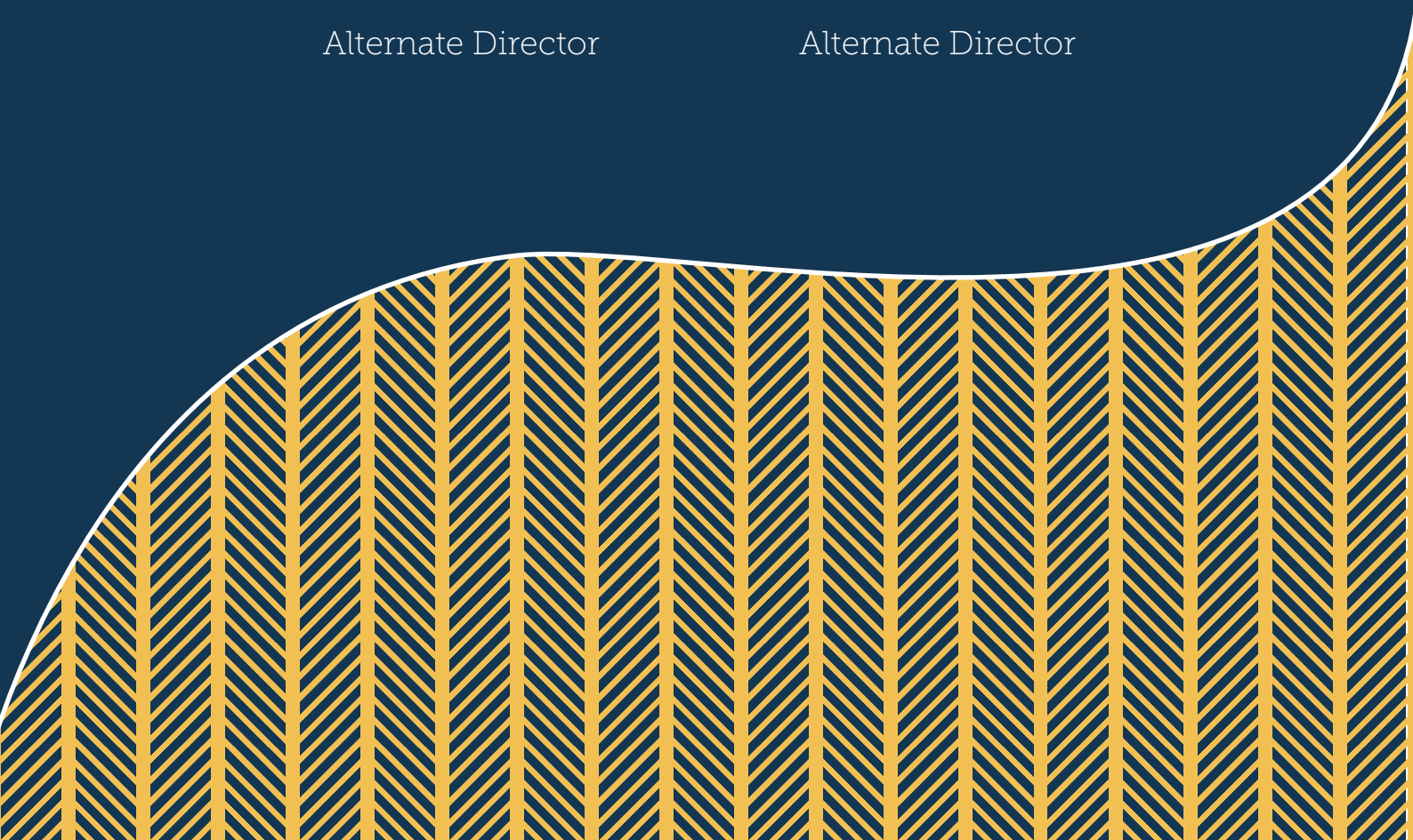
Donna Flavell

Alternate Director



Ian Ruru

Alternate Director



Operational performance against annual plan 2018/19

Protect Rights and Interests in Freshwater for hapū and iwi



Support Iwi, hapū and whānau to advance their rights, interests and aspirations in freshwater and freshwater fisheries

Conservation (Indigenous Freshwater Fish) Amendment Bill

Te Wai Māori prepared a response to the Amendment Bill reflecting the feedback we received from Iwi, and on 21 February 2019 directors and staff presented our position to the Environment Select Committee. At Select Committee we noted our concerns with the Department of Conservation's (DOC) engagement process on the proposed amendments, drew attention to the overlap between the Fisheries Act and the Conservation Act, and outlined areas where the statutory requirement for engaging with Iwi and hapū could be strengthened. We wrote to the Chair of the Select Committee requesting further information regarding DOC's engagement process with Iwi. We have since received two letters in response; from the Chair of the Committee, and from the Minister of Conservation. While the Select Committee has again postponed the deadline for its report on this Bill, we will remain engaged should anything change.

Īnanga

Following the announcement of the second phase of the whitebait review, Te Wai Māori met with DOC's project coordinator, to learn more about the planned process. According to the project coordinator, DOC is heading into Phase 2 without any pre-determined list of reform proposals but noted that it was unlikely that any reforms would be included that change which agency has responsibility for whitebait. Officials note the Department's intention is to co-develop reform options with Iwi, with a discussion document released to the wider public for consultation in mid-late August.

Te Wai Māori will assist Iwi and hapū with technical advice throughout the review process. We will also develop a position on reform options to serve as a "think piece" for Iwi based on the feedback from participants at the 26 March Workshop.

Tuna

Staff continue to engage with Fisheries New Zealand (MPI) and DOC officials on issues relating to tuna. We have proposed a multi-agency discussion to discuss issues affecting the tuna fishery (effects of fishing, habitat, water quality) which will involve Te Wai Māori, Te Ohu Kaimoana, Iwi, and those Crown agencies with responsibilities for the health and wellbeing of tuna.

02

Implement identified and agreed options to uphold Te Mana o Ngā Tuna

Staff have begun drafting a Terms of Reference for the members of the National Body for Tuna. It outlines the proposed work programme of the group, timeframes, and guiding principles. The primary guiding principle is that the health and wellbeing of tuna is the utmost priority. Other considerations are secondary. In addition to this, the National Body should work in a way that acknowledges and enhances the mana of Iwi and hapū as kaitiaki within their rohe.

This Terms of Reference document serves as a basis for a second that is being prepared for the national tuna review. It details the timeframes, tasks, accountability, and scope for participation for the various agencies and groups that are proposed to take part. Following discussions with Fisheries New Zealand and DOC, we anticipate an initial meeting in the first week of August for the review and our intent is to hold an inaugural meeting of the National Tuna Body before then.

We have held further discussions with DOC relating to the review and work to enhance tuna generally. They have asked us to clarify what support we require from DOC for both the tuna review and for other work programme items relating to tuna, as they are in their strategic planning stages. We have proposed an additional meeting with them to discuss this. We were also invited to participate on the New Zealand Fish Passage Advisory Group as they were seeking Iwi representation. We told them that we would reach out to our Iwi contacts to find an appropriate representative.

Kahureremoa Aki joined Te Wai Māori as a contractor on 10 June to lead the Te Mana o Ngā Tuna work programme.

03

Develop documentary to raise awareness of the pressures on tuna

Staff are working with Lamp Studios to arrange dates for filming these documentaries. The purpose of the short documentaries is to highlight the pressures on tuna, including water quality, habitat destruction, climate change and barriers to migration.



01

Support Iwi and hapū to develop their freshwater fisheries

We are continuing to work with eight Wai Ora fund recipients that we are supporting; six from the 17/18 fund, and two from the 16/17 fund. An interactive database for all previous and current Wai Ora Projects is being populated and can be found on Te Wai Māori's new website.

The 2019 Wai Ora Fund opened for applications on 1 March and closed on 5 June. Advertisements were posted on social media, through pānui, and through a press release. A number of quality applications were received, and these will be reviewed by our Independent Assessment Panel, who will make recommendations to the Te Wai Māori Board on which applications should be funded. Applicants will be advised of the board's decision by August.

The Tiaki Wai Fund opened for applications on 19 February. Advertisements were posted on social media and through pānui. This fund, dedicated to small projects that address knowledge gaps in freshwater fisheries, will remain open until it is exhausted. To date, we have received no applications for this fund.



02

Assist Iwi and hapū to lead the national coordination of efforts to improve the management of piharau/kanakana

Te Wai Māori's draft implementation plan for the Piharau/Kanakana Strategy has been reviewed and approved by the Iwi Steering Group. Te Wai Māori is now seeking to organise a hui with Iwi in Q4 to seek wider Iwi feedback on the plan and the strategy.



Relationship building and reporting

In 2014 and 2017, Te Wai Māori held a National Tuna Symposium and National Tuna Conference, which is an opportunity for Iwi and hapū to share knowledge and experiences regarding tuna. This year, the scope of the conference will include all taonga freshwater species. Preparations are now underway for the 2019 Freshwater Fisheries Conference to take place on 3-4 September. It will feature a series of speakers and panel discussions over 1.5 days and will be held at the Northland Events Centre (formerly Toll Stadium) in Whangarei.

Te Wai Māori is working to establish a national body to represent the interests of tuna, designed to coordinate a work programme to improve the health and wellbeing of tuna. We are scheduling the initial meeting of this group for Q4.

On 11 April staff were invited to Pungarehu Marae to participate in a workshop hosted by Te Kinakitanga o Ngāti Tuera Ngāti Hinearo.

Staff meet regularly with directors from DOC, MPI and MFE to discuss freshwater fisheries matters.

We continue to maintain positive working relationships with Iwi, key government agencies, and other stakeholders.

Provide governance, oversight and resources to enable the Trust to operate effectively



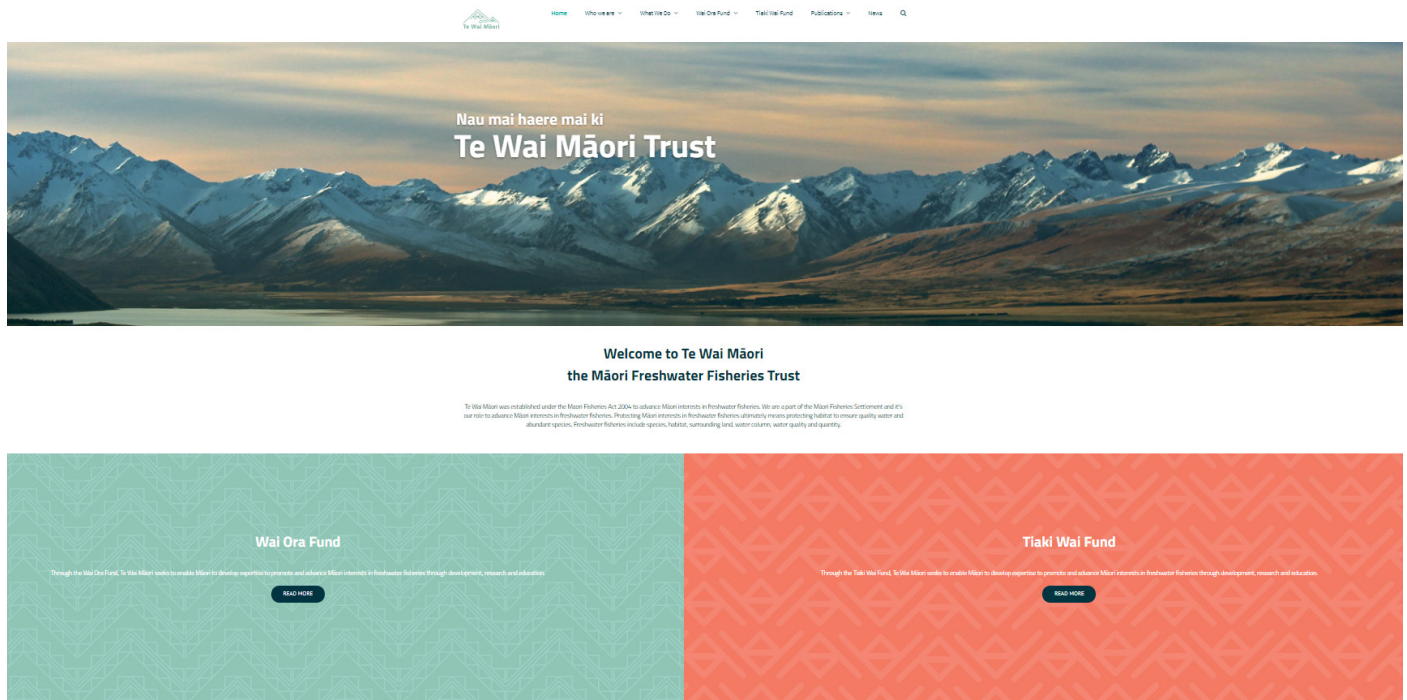
The Te Wai Māori board maintain and regularly review a register of strategic and operational risks.

Management and Directors receive regular reports on the performance of Te Wai Māori funds managed by Portfolio Management Services Limited and Cambridge Associates.

Communications



We launched our new [look website](#) in May which has been well received. Part of the new website is an interactive map which showcases current and historical [Wai Ora projects](#). We are in the process of meeting with SolNet Media to learn how to populate this map in-house. We are also meeting with SolMedia to update the Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fisheries Conference website for launch the week of the 8th July.



We sent four pānui (e-newsletter campaigns) to Iwi this quarter, regarding applications for both the Wai Ora and Tiaki Wai funds respectively, and to announce our Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fisheries Conference in September.

On our social media channels we published 14 posts and reached over 11,000 people with our messaging. We now have over 425 followers across our Facebook and Instagram accounts. We recently sponsored our Save the Date for the conference and have had over 130 people register their interest in attending the conference so far.

We attended Ngāti Kahungunu's Annual Fish Hook Summit in Ahuriri where Eimear Egan presented research regarding otoliths and thanked Te Wai Māori for her funding.



7,000 people reached

181 interested

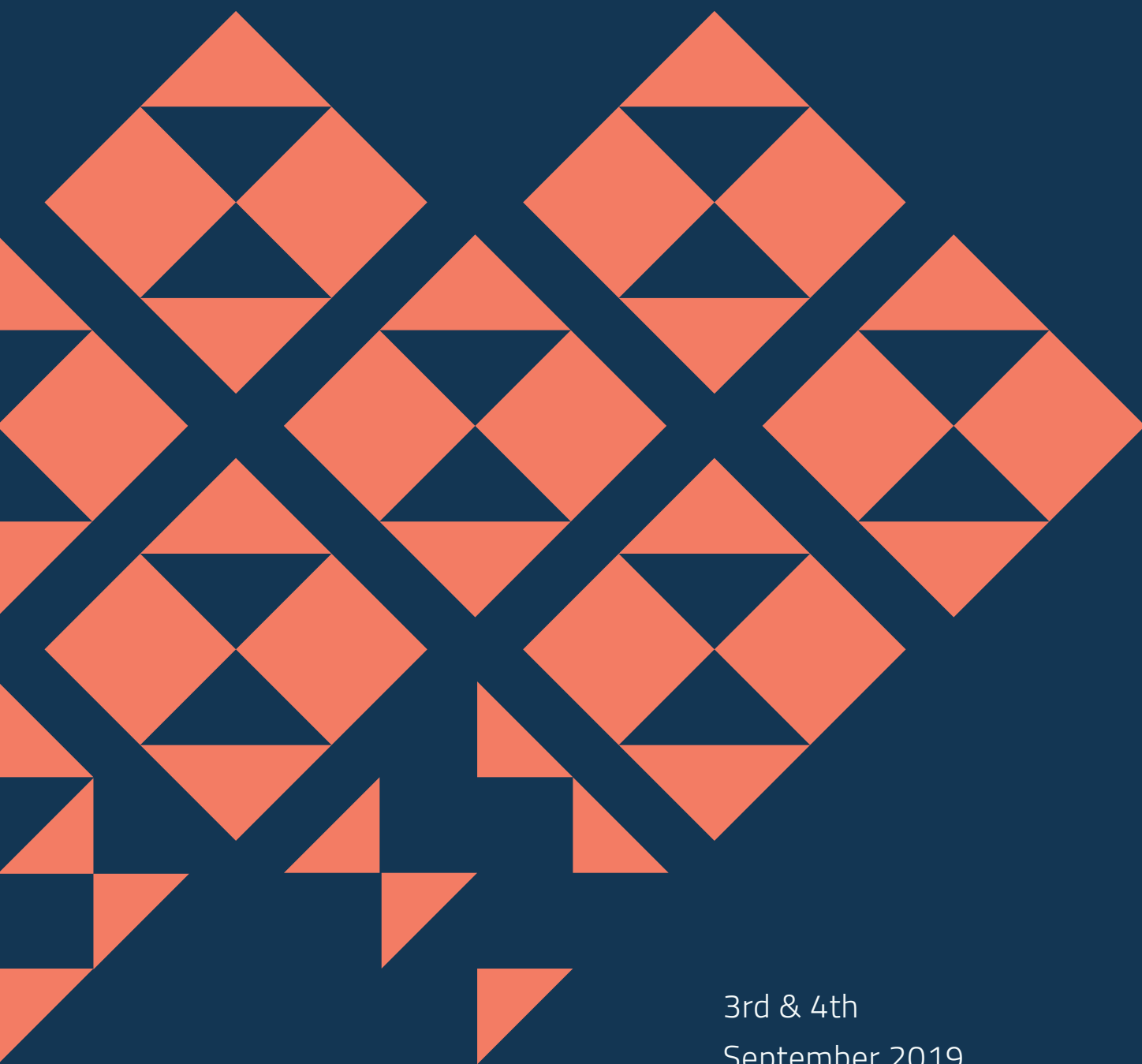
19 attending



Te Wai Māori

Freshwater Fisheries Conference 2019

The vulnerability of our
taonga freshwater species
to a changing climate



3rd & 4th
September 2019
Northland Events Centre,
Whangārei

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Ngā Hapū o Tūtaekuri (Waitangi Estuary, Hawkes Bay) – 2017/18



The Waitangi Wai Mauri project aims to create a large wetland on an area owned by Hawkes Bay Regional Council at Waitangi Estuary, where the Tūtaekuri, Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers converge.

The project involves extensive earthworks to create bunding and islands, and extensive planting of native vegetation. This project builds on the same concept as the horseshoe wetland immediately adjacent to the project site, which has been an overwhelming success for bird and native fish species.

Te Whenua Tōmuri Trust (Taranaki) – 2017/18



This project aims to assist hapū and marae by resourcing, training and mentoring them in environmental monitoring and sustainable management.

The funding will support the trust to hold four wananga with schools, the community and experts on issues such as freshwater and sustainable land management, waste minimisation, maara kai, permaculture, rongoa etc. The project will also bring in experts to assist hapū to draft catchment or land management plans.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (Lake Taupō) – 2017/18



The purpose of the project is to better understand kōura and kōura habitats in Lake Taupō in order to enhance the customary harvest of kōura in the Ngāti Tūwharetoa rohe.

The Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board want to identify healthy kōura populations in the lake by understanding size and abundance, eating quality/safety, kōura disease, reproductive stages, and identifying habitat that kōura could potentially translocate stock to.

Te Kotahitanga o Te Ātiawa Trust (New Plymouth, Taranaki) – 2017/18



The project is aimed at restoring and revitalising the habitats of taonga species along the Waiwhakaiho river catchment. The project is part of a much larger project by Te Ātiawa to understand the changes that have happened in the Waiwhakaiho catchment, and the effects those changes have had on mahinga kai.

It involves a collation of historical information on land use change, habitat modification, fisheries management and mātauranga Māori.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Whangawehi Catchment Management Group (Te Mahia, East Coast) – 2017/18



The Whangawehi Catchment Management Group is a community initiative based in Mahia.

The purpose of this project is to enhance a 40ha network of wetlands on private land, which plays a key role in improving water quality in the Whangawehi stream. Enhancement of water quality and habitat in the catchment is a key objective for the Kaiuku Marae Trustees.

Te Arawa Lakes Trust/Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust (Lake Okataina, Bay of Plenty) – 2017/18



The Lake Okataina Taonga Fisheries Project is a joint collaboration between Te Arawa Lakes Trust (lake bed owners) and Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust (local hapū) to undertake a Cultural Health Assessment using Te Arawa tikanga and lake-specific cultural indicators.

The project identifies kōura as a key indicator species to assess the health of the lake. The baseline kōura assessment uses traditional Tau Kōura methods on Lake Okataina.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Te Kaahui o Rauru – Te Wai Koiora (Taranaki) – 2016/17



The purpose of Te Wai Koiora is to restore key waterways within the rohe of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi to a potable standard.

Te Wai Koiora uses the Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi: Puutaiao Management Plan to guide and direct the work undertaken in the environmental space and involves planting of native vegetation at Ototoka Stream.

Hokotehi Moriori Trust (Chatham Islands) – 2016/17



The Trust is developing a freshwater plan and customaries fisheries plan for Rēkohu (Chatham Island), based on monitoring work in the island's freshwater systems (streams, and Whānga Lagoon).

The project seeks to gather more accurate data on the state of the waterways, and relative abundance of flora and fauna. As well as developing the freshwater plan and the customary fisheries plan for imi Moriori, they also seek to create a rehabilitation plan for future fencing and riparian planting.

