

# School of Veterinary Science

## Pathology Report

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Species: Avian-Wildlife	Breed: Weka		
Age: Adult	Sex: Female		
Owner:	Type: Post Mortem		
ID: None	Prev. Accn.:		
Submitted: 1	At Risk:	Affected:	Dead:

### History

Found washed up at the high tide mark dead at North Beach, Westport. Two rats and a weka were submitted although hundreds of rats have washed up dead on the West Coast. See also PM58159 and PM58160.

### Gross Findings

The weka was in poor to moderate body condition with reduced pectoral muscle mass, minimal subcutaneous fat or visceral fat reserves, and a body weight of 526 grams. The animal was submitted without a head, appearing to have been severed at cervical vertebrae; there was no reddening or swelling of the exposed skin and soft tissues. There was moderate congestion of the lungs, with both lungs exuding frothy pink fluid. The remaining organs were moderately autolysed. The gizzard contained only grit.

### Provisional Diagnosis

Unknown cause of death

### Comments

This was an adult female weka in reduced body condition. The bird was missing the head but this appears to have occurred after the bird died. The stomach contained only grit. Samples will be sent for 1080 testing.

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