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Honourable Maggie Barry
Minister of Conservation
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Dear Minister

I submit, in terms of section 6E of the Conservation Act 1987, the annual report of the New Zealand Conservation Authority for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. The Act requires that the Authority shall in each year report to the Minister on the exercise of its functions and powers.

The Authority has appreciated working closely with the Director-General and Senior Leadership Team of the Department of Conservation to improve New Zealand's conservation gains, particularly through the Department's stretch goals, its strategic direction, and priorities.

Enhancing pest control and biosecurity continued to be a high priority for the Authority and we are pleased to voice our strong support for Predator Free New Zealand, the Million Dollar Mouse programme, the continuation of the Battle for our Birds programme, and the increased focus on tackling weeds via your War on Weeds initiative.

A major task during the year was reviewing and approving the Canterbury (Waitaha), Otago, and Southland Murihiku Conservation Management Strategies (CMSs). These CMSs have an operative date of 1 September 2016. We ensured these CMSs had a clear alignment to the Department's 2025 Our Nature goals; reflected the partnership with Ngāi Tahu in achieving conservation outcomes; and provided clear guidance on priorities for each Conservation Board.

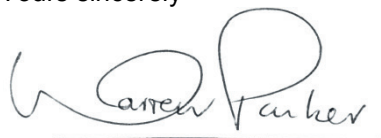
Other highlights for the year were: the advice we provided you on the re-categorisation of stewardship land and assessing net conservation benefit; streamlining the processes to prepare CMSs and National Park Management Plans (NPMPs); and, recommending that Awaroa beach, acquired with the assistance of a 'Givealittle' campaign, be added to Abel Tasman National Park.

We continued to strengthen our relationship with conservation boards by holding two of our meetings in situ with the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board and the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board. And we hosted a Conservation Board Chairpersons' Conference in September 2015, to build a deeper understanding of the Government's expectations of the boards and the role they play in conservation leadership within the communities they represent.

Looking ahead, the Authority looks forward to working with the newly created Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board in the development of their CMS. During the next 12 months we expect to finish the approval process for the full review of the Aoraki/Mount Cook, Westland Tai Poutini, and Paparoa NPMPs, and the partial review of the Kahurangi NPMP.

I appreciate the opportunities the Authority has had to meet with you and the Associate Minister of Conservation during the year to discuss matters of national importance to conservation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr Warren Parker
Chairperson
New Zealand Conservation Authority

Mission statement

To ensure for the people of New Zealand that the richness of New Zealand's natural and cultural heritage is valued, restored, maintained, and cared for by all, in order to enhance our environment and quality of life.

New Zealand Conservation Authority members (August 2016)



Front row left to right: Sandra Cook, Waana Davis, Jan Riddell, Judy Hellstrom, Jo Breese.
Back row left to right: Gerry McSweeney, Mark Christensen, Mick Clout, David Barnes, Rauru Kirikiri, Devon McLean, Warren Parker (Chairperson), Mike Simm. *Photo: Julie Percival*

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Giant buttercup *Ranunculus lyalii*. Photo: Gerry McSweeney

1. OVERVIEW OF 2015/16

The New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority) met on six occasions during the year—in August, October and December 2015, and in February, April and June 2016. The October meeting was held in Gisborne with a field trip the previous day to Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, Tolaga Bay, and the Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve in Kaiti. The April meeting was held in Nelson and included an overnight stay the previous night at Anchorage Hut in the Abel Tasman National Park and a field trip to Brook Waimarama Sanctuary after the meeting. All other meetings were held in Wellington.

A major task was the receipt and approval of the Canterbury (Waitaha), Otago, and Southland Murihiku Conservation Management Strategies (CMSs). These CMSs have an operative date of 1 September 2016.

The Authority continued its emphasis on providing strategic advice to the Minister and to the Director-General of the Department of Conservation (the Department) and his senior staff. This included areas such as additions to Kahurangi National Park, the addition of Awaroa beach to Abel Tasman National Park, Tonga Island and Pinnacle Islands to be set apart as specially protected areas, advice on stewardship land and assessing net conservation benefit, and the release of biocontrol organisms.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The Authority is a statutory advisor to the Minister of Conservation and to the Director-General of Conservation on conservation issues of national importance. It was established by section 6A of the Conservation Act 1987.

The functions of the Authority are set out in section 6B of the Conservation Act 1987, and in the National Parks Act 1980, the Wildlife Act 1953, the Marine Reserves Act 1971, the Reserves Act 1977, the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, and the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978. It also has specified responsibilities, set out in Treaty claims settlement legislation, with regard to consultation with tangata whenua.

The Authority has the important function of approving the 10-year conservation management strategies and national park management plans that guide the management of public conservation land, waters and species by the Department.

The Authority is committed to the partnership model between New Zealanders and the Department for the management of public conservation resources. This is embodied in the long history of formal citizen engagement in New Zealand conservation management and

the diverse make-up of its membership; likewise, with the conservation boards. The conservation boards and the Authority are a long-standing legislative mechanism of the 'conservation through partnerships' ethic of the Department.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY

The Minister appoints the 13 Authority members, including the Chairperson.

The members are selected in consultation with the Minister of Tourism (two appointments), the Minister of Māori Affairs (two appointments), and the Minister of Local Government (one appointment), on the nomination of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (one appointment); and on the recommendation of the Royal Society of New Zealand (one appointment), Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (one appointment), and Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (one appointment). In addition, four members are appointed following nominations from the public. This process ensures that a wide range of perspectives, life experiences and geographical knowledge contributes to the advice provided and decisions made by the Authority.

Members of the Authority are appointed for three-year terms, with current terms expiring 31 May 2017. There was no change of membership during the reporting period.

4. MEETINGS

The Authority met for four one-and-a-half day meetings, all held in Wellington. In addition, two one-day meetings were held in Gisborne and Nelson, both associated with one-day field trips to Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, Tolaga Bay, and the Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve in Kaiti in October, and to Brook Waimarama Sanctuary in April. Field trips are a vital part of the Authority's modus operandi, providing the opportunity to view concerns and opportunities raised in public submissions in situ, and to appreciate the local context faced by Departmental staff and communities in managing public conservation lands. It is also an opportunity to spend time with local conservation board members discussing matters important to their region.

During the year the Authority hosted and heard from Kevin Bowler (CEO Tourism New Zealand), Lisa Barrett (GM Tourism, Sectors, Regions & Cities, MBIE), Tui Warmenhoven (Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Board trustee), and John Hellstrom (Chairman, National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee) at its meetings.

4.1 Attendance record of members at meetings of the Authority

Member	Number of meetings (out of total of 6)
David Barnes	6
Jo Breese	6
Mark Christensen	5
Mick Clout	6
Sandra Cook	4
Waana Davis	6
Judy Hellstrom	6
Rauru Kirikiri	4
Devon McLean	6
Gerry McSweeney	4
Warren Parker	6
Jan Riddell	5
Mike Simm	6

5. BUDGET, FEES AND ALLOWANCES

The Authority's budget for 2015/2016 was \$146,000. Fees and allowances are paid in accordance with the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951. The chairperson receives a daily meeting fee of \$290, and other Authority members receive a daily meeting fee of \$215. Members may be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred while engaged on Authority business.

6. THE CONSERVATION ACT 1987

6.1 Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987

Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 states: "This Act shall so be interpreted and administered as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi." As a body established under the Conservation Act 1987, section 4 applies to the Authority in the discharge of its functions.

During the April 2016 meeting, the Authority received a paper on working in the post-Treaty Settlement environment and changing expectations of iwi to be more closely engaged as a partner in conservation matters. The Authority plans to further develop its understanding of working effectively with iwi in 2016/17.

6.2 Functions of the Authority

(a) Advise the Minister on statements of general policy

General policy is the highest level of statutory planning for conservation outcomes. No changes were proposed or made to general policy in the reporting period.

(b) Approve conservation management strategies

A conservation management strategy (CMS) is a 10-year statutory document. Its purpose is to implement general policy and to establish objectives for the discharge of the Department's functions in the area covered by the strategy, and for recreation, tourism and other conservation purposes. The CMSs are developed by departmental planning staff in partnership with local conservation boards, and there are opportunities for input from the public, tangata whenua and other interested parties. While most CMSs are now older than 10 years, their review was put on hold in December 2009 while a national framework was developed (completed November 2010). The development of the Department's new 'rapid CMS prototype' has delayed the East Coast Hawke's Bay and Wellington Conservation Management Strategies.

Canterbury (Waitaha) CMS

The Authority received for its consideration the Canterbury (Waitaha) CMS at its 3 August 2015 meeting. The Authority established a committee to review the document and approved the CMS at its 1 June 2016 meeting. The CMS has an operative date of 1 September 2016.

Otago CMS

The Authority received for its consideration the Otago CMS at its 3 August 2015 meeting. The Authority established a committee to review the document and approved the CMS at its 1 June 2016 meeting. The CMS has an operative date of 1 September 2016.

Southland Murihiku CMS

The Authority received for its consideration the Southland Murihiku CMS at its 3 August 2015 meeting. The Authority established a committee to review the document and approved the CMS at its 1 June 2016 meeting. The CMS has an operative date of 1 September 2016.

(c) Approve conservation management plans

The Authority may be asked to approve a conservation management plan but generally they are approved by conservation boards, in some instances jointly with an iwi authority as provided in Treaty Settlement legislation. No conservation management plans were approved by the Authority during the reporting period.

(d) Review the effectiveness of the Department's administration of general policies

The Authority did not review the effectiveness of the Department's administration of statements of general policy during the reporting period. When approving statutory planning documents, the Authority seeks to satisfy itself that they give effect to the two statements of general policy appropriately.

(e) Investigate or advise on conservation matters of national importance

Conservation matters of national importance discussed with the Director-General and senior staff during the reporting period included:

- Battle for our Birds
- The War on Weeds
- Science strategy and science roadmap
- Marine reserves
- Himalayan tahr management
- Stewardship land
- Climate change
- Honeybees: biodiversity issues and commercial opportunities
- Island biosecurity
- Wilding conifers
- Freshwater fish conservation, particularly whitebait
- NZCA obligations resulting from Treaty Settlements
- Department of Conservation stretch goals
- Effects of increasing tourism numbers on the conservation estate

These discussions were iterative in nature. As more information is received and understanding and thinking evolves, further discussion will take place.

The Deputy Director-General Science and Policy kept the Authority informed of policy and legislative initiatives across the range of the Department's interests.

Advice was provided to the Minister in relation to:

- Stewardship land and assessing net conservation benefit
- Biological controls
- Additions to Kahurangi National Park
- Awaroa beach addition to Abel Tasman National Park
- Tonga Island and Pinnacle Islands being set apart as specially protected areas.

Other matters of national importance for conservation that the Authority provided advice on during the year were:

Himalayan tahr

The Himalayan Tahr Control Plan requires the Department to report annually to the New Zealand Conservation Authority on activities undertaken to implement the plan. The annual report for 2014/2015 was received at its December 2015 meeting.

The Authority expressed concern to the Department around the ongoing cost and need for the Thar Management Plan in its present form. The Department advised that it wished to ensure the Thar Management Plan is being implemented with an adaptive management approach as originally intended and proposes to adopt more cost-effective monitoring methods to achieve this.

Grass and silver carp

Grass and silver carp are used in New Zealand as a biological-control organism for aquatic-weed control. The Minister of Conservation's approval to use them for this purpose is required if the status of the site is a reserve or national park. The Minister is required to consult the Authority before reaching a decision. During the 2014/2015 reporting period the Authority was consulted on one application for the release of grass carp into lakes Tutira, Waikopiro and Opouahi in Hawke's Bay. In June 2015, the Authority reconsidered the application, taking into account the 10-year life-span of the project, and recommended to the Minister that authorisation be granted.¹

Biocontrol of Scotch broom and tradescantia

The introduction of any biological-control organism to control wild animals or animal pests or plant pests in any reserve (s51A Reserves Act 1977) or national park (s54 National Parks Act 1980) requires the approval of the Minister. The Minister is required to consult the Authority before reaching a decision.

In June 2015, the Minister sought advice from the Authority on a request from the Department to release broom gall mite into Molesworth Recreation Reserve and Matai Flat Clarence Bend Scenic Reserve to control Scotch broom. In June 2015, the Authority recommended to the Minister that authorisation be granted.¹

In February 2016, the Authority received an urgent application from the Department to the Minister for approval to release three species of tradescantia beetle into Wairua River Government Purpose Wildlife Management Reserve in Northland to control tradescantia. Within the month, the Authority recommended to the Minister that authorisation be granted.

(f) Change of land status – stewardship land

The Minister of Conservation sought the Authority's advice on net conservation benefits matters in relation to stewardship land, as recommended by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment. The Authority comprehensively considered stewardship land and net conservation benefit, in relation to land exchange, and developed a position paper on this to underpin its advice to the Minister in February 2016. The Minister endorsed the Authority's guidance on the criteria for assessing the appropriateness of an exchange of land, and these were adopted within the Department in May 2016.²

See section 7.3 of this report for change of land status for national park land.

(g) Walkways (repealed)

(h) Education and publicity

Copies of minutes and agendas and other information regarding the Authority's functions and activities (including its meetings, which are open to the public) can be found at www.conservationsauthority.org.nz.

No education or publicity activities were undertaken during the reporting period.

¹ Note that this was not included in the annual report for 2014/2015.

² doc.govt.nz/nzca-stewardship-land-advice.

(i) Priorities for expenditure by the Department of Conservation

As a result of changes in the way government departments are expected to identify and report on operating intentions, the Authority has adapted the way it makes input into priorities for Departmental expenditure, including developing a better understanding of the factors that determine the Department's decisions about where to direct its resources.

During the reporting year, the Authority had discussions with the Department on the Department's intermediate outcomes for its draft Four-year Plan. The Authority had regular discussions with the Director-General during Authority meetings on the ongoing work with the Department's stretch goals and the recent DOC 2025 project, which aims to create a clear picture of what conservation and recreational outcomes can be achieved at different resourcing levels and what the Department can sustainably deliver in the future.

(j) New Zealand Fish and Game Council liaison

Section 6B(1)(i) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides for the Authority to liaise with the New Zealand Fish and Game Council. The Authority and New Zealand Fish and Game Council provided each other with copies of agendas and meeting papers during the reporting period.

(k) Ministerial delegations

The Minister did not delegate any ministerial powers or functions to the Authority during the reporting period.

6.3 Powers of the Authority

(a) Establishment of committees

The Conservation Act enables the Authority to establish committees to carry out functions or tasks delegated by the Authority.



Upper Manuherikia River and Oteake Conservation Park. *Photo: Gerry McSweeney*

Committees that were active during the reporting period included:

- Canterbury (Waitaha) Conservation Management Strategy
- Otago Conservation Management Strategy
- Southland Murihiku Conservation Management Strategy

In addition, the Authority established four committees to work with the Department on the current reviews of the Aoraki Mount Cook, Westland Tai Poutini, and Paparoa National Park Management Plans, and for the partial review of the Kahurangi National Park Management Plan.

(b) Advocacy

The Authority advocated its interests during the period as follows:

- *Streamlining the Regulatory Regime for Pest Control* – The Authority made a submission on the Ministry for the Environment’s discussion document and strongly supports the proposal to use a section 360(1)(h) regulation to simplify the regulatory framework for pest control.
- *Next Steps for Fresh Water* – The Authority submitted on the Ministry for the Environment’s discussion paper and identified ways to address areas of concern within the proposals.
- *Marine Protected Areas Reform* – The Authority submitted on the Ministry for the Environment’s consultation document. While the Authority supports the proposal for a new approach in principle, it does not see the proposed reforms as being sufficiently ambitious or meeting best practice.
- *Draft Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Management Plan* – The Authority made a submission to the Tasman District Council regarding the addition of Tonga Quarry as a Coastal Access Point.
- *EDS conference August 2015* – Members participated in the Environmental Defence Society’s conference *Wild Things: addressing terrestrial, freshwater and marine biodiversity loss*, held in Auckland, 12–13 August 2015.

The Authority’s submissions can be viewed on its website at www.conservationauthority.org.nz

7. FUNCTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT 1980

7.1 General Policy for National Parks

The Authority did not review, or make any changes to, the General Policy for National Parks during the reporting period.

7.2 National park management plans

No national park management plans were reviewed or approved during the reporting period.

7.3 Additions to, and deletions from, national parks

Addition of land to Kahurangi National Park

Since 2012, the Authority has been considering protection of the Mokihinui River Catchment. The Authority resolved to put on hold the proposed addition of the Mokihinui River Catchment (excluding the riverbed) under section 7 of the National Parks Act 1980, until the review of the Paparoa National Park Management Plan has been completed.

The Authority resolved to recommend to the Minister of Conservation that the five areas of land referred to as Westhaven Inlet, Big River, Harwood Block, West Burnett block and Steatite block be added to the Kahurangi National Park under section 7 of the National Parks Act 1980. These were formally added to the Park in July 2016.

Addition of land to Paparoa National Park

The Authority determined it would take no further action regarding further additions to Paparoa National Park until the current management plan is reviewed. This is intended to be completed by November 2016, which will be an appropriate time to consider further additions to the National Park.

Addition of land to Abel Tasman National Park

The Authority recommended to the Minister of Conservation, pursuant to section 9 of the National Parks Act 1980, that she accept the gift of the Awaroa beach for national park purposes. Further, the Authority advised, pursuant to section 7 of the National Parks Act 1980, that the Minister of Conservation recommend that the Governor-General sign an Order-in-Council to add the land to the Abel Tasman National Park. The gifted land was formally added to the Park in July 2016

7.4 National park investigations

No national park investigations were undertaken during the reporting period.

7.5 National park determinations

No determinations were made during the reporting period. Determinations are made to waive the requirements that introduced plants and animals be exterminated in national parks and native plants and animals be preserved. They are generally made as part of a national park management plan process.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

8.1 JD Stout Trust

The Authority is a trustee of the JD Stout Trust. The Trust makes donations or interest-free loans for conservation and cultural purposes. The Trust met twice during the reporting period. Waana Davis is the Authority's representative on the Trust.

8.2 The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

The Authority, along with another Government agency, is one of eight members of the New Zealand Committee of the IUCN. The Committee meets quarterly. Jo Breese is the Authority's representative on the Committee.

The Authority reviewed its membership of the IUCN during the year, and agreed that it should remain a member because of the value this adds to the Authority as an independent voice for New Zealand conservation.

8.3 Land and Water Forum

The Authority is a member of the Land and Water Forum. Details about the activities of the Forum during the reporting period can be accessed from www.landandwater.org.nz.

9. CONSERVATION BOARDS

9.1 Conservation board boundaries

Conservation board boundaries in Northland changed during the reporting period as a result of the establishment of the Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board, effective from 17 December 2015. Pursuant to section 95(2)(a) of the Te Rarawa Claims Settlement Act 2015, section 82(2)(a) of the Te Aupouri Claims Settlement Act 2015, section 81(2)(a) of the Ngāti Kuri Claims Settlement Act 2015, and section 78(2)(a) of the NgaiTakoto Claims Settlement Act 2015, the area of jurisdiction of the Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board is the Korowai area included in the individual deeds of settlement. One of the first tasks for the new board is the development of a CMS, which will sit as a subset of the Northland CMS.

The Northland Conservation Board, set up under Part 2A of the Conservation Act 1987, ceases to have jurisdiction within or over the Korowai area.

9.2 Conservation board nominations

The Minister is required to consult with the Authority prior to appointing public members to conservation boards.

The Authority provided its advice to both the Department and the Associate Minister of Conservation on the appointment process for 2016. A high standard of nominations was received for all Boards and this enabled the expertise and experience of the Conservation Boards to be further boosted in line with the recommendations in the 2013 review of Conservation Boards.³

9.3 Authority/Conservation Board liaison

One Authority member acts as liaison with each conservation board. This liaison includes attendance at board meetings and informal liaison with the board chairperson, which is reported back to the Authority at each meeting.

The Authority held a Conservation Board Chairpersons' Conference on 24 September 2015. The objectives of the Conference were to: be briefed on the Minister of Conservation's priorities; understand the changes in the Department regarding the relationships with conservation boards and the Department's new structure; the Letters of Expectation and work programmes; conservation board's role in improving whitebait management; concession processes; the CMS monitoring template; conservation boards' role in advocacy; board succession planning; and, strengthening links between the Authority, the conservation boards and the Department.

9.4 Annual reports

Conservation boards are each required by section 60 of the Conservation Act 1987 to provide the Authority with an annual report. Once complete, these reports will be available from the boards and posted on the relevant board website pages.

9.5 Implementation of conservation management strategies

Most conservation boards have adopted a systematic process for monitoring the progress of the implementation of the CMS for their region and for providing advice to the Department's Operations directors in that respect. Boards report on this monitoring in their annual reports.

³ The review report can be found here: doc.govt.nz/conservation-boards-review/.

The Authority is working with the Department and those conservation boards with operative CMSs to develop a dashboard approach to monitoring the milestones included within the CMSs.

Under the Conservation General Policy, the Department is required to provide each conservation board with a report (at least annually) on the implementation of the CMS for its region (see Section 9.4).

10. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Authority reviewed its performance and strategy in December 2015. The revised strategic priorities for 2016 were ratified in February 2016 and can be viewed on the NZCA website at doc.govt.nz/nzca-policies. In February 2016, the Authority adopted a Code of Practice, and reviewed and amended its policies on committee structure and preparation of submissions.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the staff of the Department who have attended our meetings or serviced, supported and briefed the Authority during the reporting period.

We would like to especially record our thanks to Lou Sanson, the Director-General of Conservation, for his continued support and availability to the Authority; the Department staff, including the Senior Leadership Team, with whom we have enjoyed some robust debates to identify the best pathways to improve conservation outcomes for the various regions and New Zealand; Rick McGovern-Wilson, whose knowledge has been invaluable to our work; and Julie Percival and Katrina Edwards for their efficient servicing of the Authority.

On a personal note, I would like to commend the valuable contributions made by members of the Authority and conservation boards during the year. They are generous with their time and willingly apply their knowledge, skills and diverse life experiences to contribute to conservation and ensure we remain connected to our communities and Treaty partners.

Finally, while outside of the reporting period, it is appropriate to note that conservation lost one of its leaders with the passing of Andy Dennis in July 2016. Andy made an enormous contribution to conservation and recreation in New Zealand and had a huge influence on establishing some of our national parks. Andy's passion and commitment to protecting New Zealand's conservation lands and waters and his love of wild places will be remembered.

Dr Warren Parker
Chairperson
New Zealand Conservation Authority

12. SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Conservation management strategies: approval dates and/or status of reviews as at 30 June 2016.

Conservation management strategy	Date approved	Situation as at 30 June 2016
Te Hiku o Te Ika	New board as of 17 December 2015	CMS process to start by 17 June 2017 as required by the Claims Settlement Acts.
Northland	8 September 2014	Operative.
Auckland	9 October 2014	Operative.
Waikato	8 September 2014	Operative.
Bay of Plenty	4 December 1997	Review not currently scheduled within next 5 years.
East Coast/Hawke's Bay	14 October 1998 (East Coast) and 19 October 1994 (Hawke's Bay)	In first stages of review process.
Tongariro/Taupo	30 May 2002	Review not currently scheduled within next 5 years.
Whanganui	9 April 1997	Part review (Rangitikei/Manawatu) in first stages of review process as part of Wellington CMS. Review of the rest of the CMS not scheduled within next 5 years.
Wellington	13 March 1996	In first stages of review process.
Chatham Islands	12 August 1999	Review will begin in 2017.
Nelson/Marlborough	12 September 1996	Project planning for the review has begun.
West Coast Tai Poutini	15 April 2010	Operative.
Canterbury (Waitaha)	1 June 2016	Operative as of 1 September 2016.
Otago	1 June 2016	Operative as of 1 September 2016.
Southland Murihiku	1 June 2016	Operative as of 1 September 2016.
Stewart Island/Rakiura	9 February 2011	Operative.
Subantarctic Islands	1 June 2016	Now included as part of Southland Murihiku CMS.

The Director-General of Conservation put review of the CMSs on hold while a CMS national framework and natural heritage and destination management prioritisation tools were developed. These were approved in 2011 and the review of CMSs began, first with Northland, Auckland and Waikato as a group and then with Canterbury, Otago and Southland as a group. The remainder will follow. The statutory expectation is that each CMS will be reviewed at ten-year intervals.

SECOND SCHEDULE

National park management plans: approval dates and/or status of reviews as at 30 June 2016.

Conservation management strategy	Date approved	Situation as at 30 June 2016
Abel Tasman	9 October 2008	
Aoraki/Mount Cook	12 August 2004	Full review to start in 2016-17.
Arthur's Pass	13 December 2007	
Egmont	14 February 2002	
Fiordland	21 June 2007	
Kahurangi	13 June 2001	A partial review started May 2016.
Mount Aspiring	23 June 2011	
Nelson Lakes	10 October 2002	
Paparoa	18 November 1992	Full review started November 2015.
Rakiura	9 February 2011	
Te Urewera Note: as result of the Te Urewera Act in July 2014 administration passed from the Department to the Te Urewera Board; under the Act, Te Urewera is no longer a national park, but a separate legal entity for whom the board members act as trustees	13 February 2003 (the national park management plan will remain in force until it is replaced by a management plan approved by the Te Urewera Board)	
Tongariro	12 October 2006	
Westland Tai Poutini	21 December 2001	Full review to start in 2016-17.
Whanganui	9 August 2012	

THIRD SCHEDULE

Address list for conservation boards.

Conservation board	Board address (c/- Department of Conservation)
Te Hiku o Te Ika	PO Box 842 Whangarei 0140
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Auckland	Private Bag 68908 Newton Auckland 1145
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