



16-E-245/doc 2854592

23 August 2016

PO Box 10580  
Te Rapa 3241  
Hamilton

Dear Graham

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request 4 August 2016 for the following information:

1	We request a copy of spreadsheet which details actions taken by DOC in the Taupo fishery?
2	What actions have DOC staff taken from the fishery review?
3	Why has DOC not been able to enact these recommendations?
4	Why is DOC not putting any information on its Taupo Conservancy Facebook page?
5	As an angler there is one other matter that needs addressing - the Taupo Area Fishery Advisory Committee. Not one angler I know has any idea what they do, who they are, how they are elected/appointed and has never heard from them. Given they are frequently consulted as the entity representing anglers this is ridiculous i.e. they don't represent anyone's views other than their own simply because no one they are meant to represent ever hears from them. So what's going to be done about that going forward?
5a	Who are the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee?
5b	What do they do?
5c	What is there purpose?
5d	How are the people elected?
5e	How do they communication with the public?
6	What planning and resourcing is being given to the report recommendations?
7	Why is there a lack of any coordinated marketing plan (i.e. between Council and DOC?) for the Taupo fishery?
7a	What Taupo fisheries marketing is being done?
8	What has been DOC's response to the each of these specific recommendations on this matter over the past few years?
9	What have DOC actually done about each of the recommendations from the report?
10	The Target Taupo for 2015 came out in May 16 dated October 2015. Why did this occur?
11	Another issue that needs addressing in relation to DOC is communication, which DOC is widely recognised as being absolutely hopeless at. How do DOC propose to better communication with anglers?
12	What has DOC done in the last three years to improve licence sales?
13	Why has there been communication failures with regards resources, i.e: answering emails, maintaining a Facebook page or sending out any regular communications to anglers?



14	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on what the National Trout Centre what has achieved?
15	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on DOC to use the Trout Centre hatchery to breed mature trout for local Maori.
16	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on the continued stocking of Lake Taupō with rainbow trout.
17	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on impact that catfish have on native koura and trout.
18	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on the negative impact that catfish have on the wider lake ecosystem?
19	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on the opportunities that DOC are taking regarding proactive steps to reduce the population of Catfish, and potentially even enable some form of commercial harvest (regulated under the Fisheries Act) 3B.1.4
20	We request copies of all emails, reports and correspondence on the role of the Trout Hatchery.

There is a large number of files and documents to sort through and it is expected that the work to respond to your request will take approximately 71 chargeable hours at a charge of \$76 per hour after the first free hour (\$5396.00 including GST). This includes photocopying, abstracting papers and collating them. It is estimated that there will be at least 4000 pages of photocopying at 20c per page after the first 20 free pages (\$796 including GST). The total cost is expected to be \$6192.00 including GST.

Under section 15(3) of the Official Information Act the Department requires the whole of the charges to be paid in advance.

Please find enclosed a "Request for Service". Please advise in writing by *2 September 2016*, by returning the attached form, in the prepaid envelope, to indicate if you accept or decline it. Once received, if you have accepted, the Department will send an invoice to you.

Work on the request will be suspended pending payment. The 20 working day extension timeframe added for a response, will be taken once confirmation of acceptance and payment is received.

If any part of the payment is not required a refund will be made.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of this decision by making a written complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours faithfully,

Meirene Hardy-Birch  
Director Operations  
Central North Island Region



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

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Quote for OIA Request

71 hours @ \$76 per hour	\$5396.00 (incl. GST)
3980 sheets @ 20c per sheet	\$796.00 (incl. GST)
<b>Total (GST included)</b>	<b>\$6192.00</b>

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