



ANGLERS & HUNTERS FOR CONSERVATION

NEW ZEALAND FISH AND GAME



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- 13 Councils
- Funded by licence holders
- About 75,000 fishing licences & 35,000 game bird licences
- 70+ staff across organisation
- Total revenue \$10.5 million

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Each council around the country reinvents the wheel about what this law means.

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**..... the 2014 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management**

## Politics of Water : Where we are now 2018

- Dairying and Intensive farming have lost their social licence.
- General acceptance by public that we need structural change

## What Fish and Game Want

### A New NPSFW

- With new objectives to protect wetlands as an integrated whole, not broken down to their constituent parts.
- A national goal to be set which doubles the extent of wetlands in the country.
- We believe councils must develop regional targets and methods to improve the condition and extent of wetlands and to contribute to achieving that national target.

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- A minimum level of wetland quality so that they aren't destroyed by algal blooms, pests or domestic animals, or other human activities.
- Councils to identify, map and monitor wetlands and report to the public on any changes in their condition or extent.
- Minimum standards of dissolved oxygen so that fish and invertebrates can breathe
- No new changes in wetland water level. i.e., the draining stops!

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- That deals with sediment and flow
- To stop or create a situation where farmers must have environmentally sustainable winter break feeding

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