

Our Story

Te Tai Poutini / West Coast

Te Papa Atawhai



Kia ora tatou, let's introduce ourselves

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Session purpose

Today we'd like to affirm the close working relationship that we have with the Council

We will share DOC's vision, values and aspirations – and our 'Story'

We will share examples about how we already work together



The Western South Island Story

Papatūānuku Thrives!

Toitū te marae a Tane-Mahuta, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te tangata
If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive

Our role is to deliver these outcomes -

1. Ecosystems and species across Aotearoa are thriving from mountain to sea
2. Public Conservation Land and waters are maintained and improved for future generations
3. Connection with nature and cultural heritage enriches people's lives
4. DOC is a great organisation



Rowi, Franz Josef

Our responsibilities



There is 2.8 million ha of land 'west of the main divide'

Public Conservation Land makes up 1.91 million ha of this (84%)

We look after...

Westland Tai Poutini and Paparoa National Parks, Part of Kahurangi, Arthurs Pass, Mt Aspiring National Parks, Part of Te Wai Pounamu South West World Heritage Area, Victoria Conservation Park, 5 Marine Reserves, 1252 km of tracks, 145 huts, 2048 structures, 105 historic sites, native and endangered flora and fauna

MOC priorities

Enhance our relationship with our Treaty Partner

Deliver increased predator control

Improve protection of land with conservation values (includes reviewing the status of stewardship land)

Review mining on PCL



Our Treaty Partnership

With Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae and Te Runanga o Makaawhio,
to achieve conservation outcomes across the region



Arahura and Bruce Bay Marae

Current Partnership projects

In Hokitika District-

CMS review

Arahura restoration

Kaimahi rangers

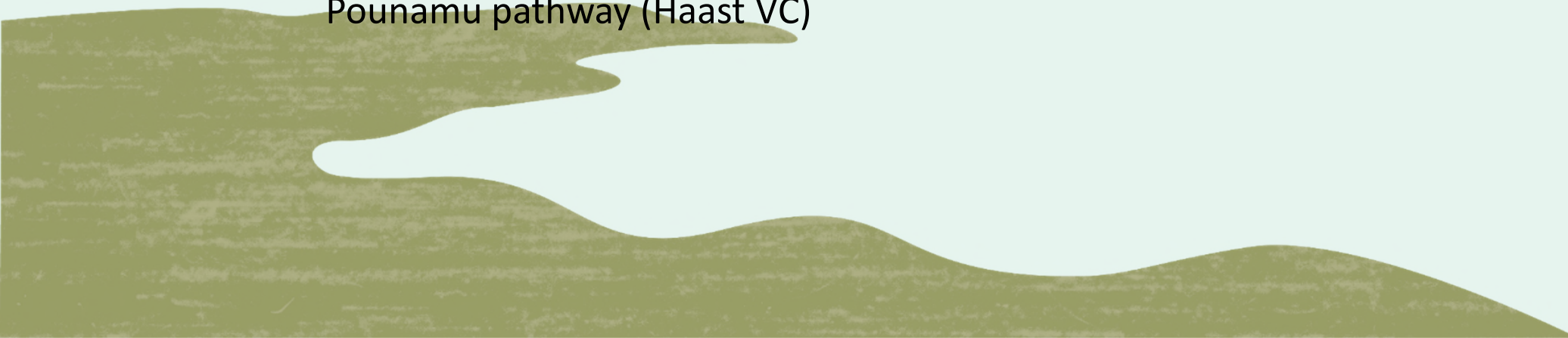
Examples of other work in region

Dolomite Point redevelopment

Te kopekopeko o te waka

Predator Free South Westland

Pounamu pathway (Haast VC)



Central and Local Government *Working together*

= Te Papa Atawhai and Westland District Council

Current projects with WDC

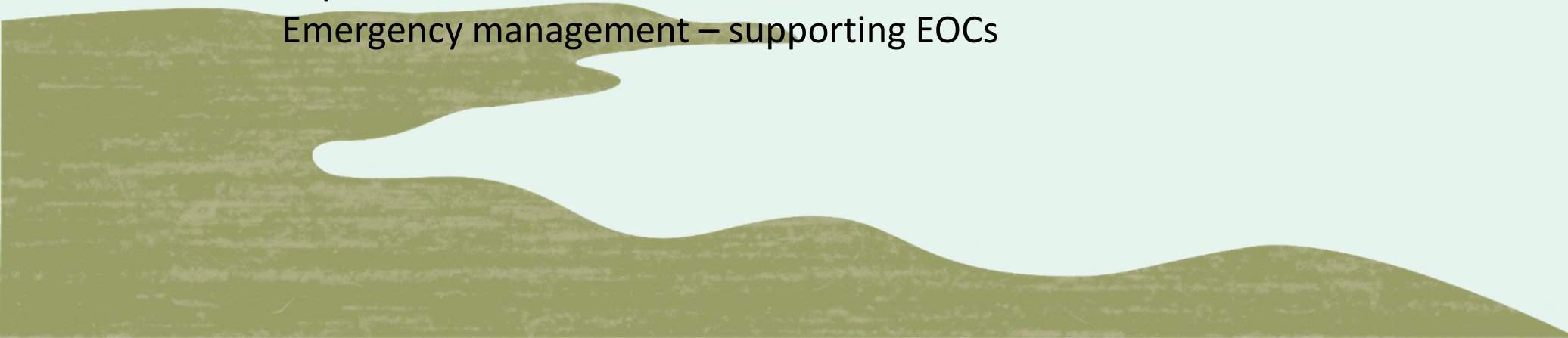
West Coast Wilderness Trail

Wadeson Island

Hokitika Gorge

Kapitia Scientific Reserve

Emergency management – supporting EOCs



Conservation Board

Conservation boards are **independent bodies** that empower local communities and iwi to contribute to the management of conservation

The Tai Poutini Western South Island Conservation Board is currently focused on -

Stewardship land review
CMS review





We will now identify how we -

Ensure ecosystems & species are thriving from mountain to sea, & PCL & waters are maintained and improved for future generations



Biodiversity Initiatives

Whio security and recovery sites

Kapitia skinks

Powelliphanta augusta

Great spotted kiwi

Kea



Predator management



We make an integrated and collective effort to achieve possum and rat eradication

“Hold the Line”

&

“Predator Free”

Ungulate management

Tahr

Goats



Plant pests

RPMP weeds



Freshwater

Shortjaw kōkopu survey

Lagarosiphon incursion and response

Marine

Monitoring

Compliance



Paparoa Great Walk



Hokitika Gorge



We'll identify how we -
Strive to enrich people's lives through connection with nature & cultural heritage

Oparara Arches Basin



Franz Josef Glacier



Pancake Rocks and blowholes



Economic, social & cultural benefits from activity on PCL

Regulations, Permissions and Concessions:

15 Access Arrangements

Alluvial Gold = 8

Mineral prospecting = 2

Lime = 1

Schist = 1

Suction Dredging = 3

18 Recreational concessions

Aircraft = 10

Lease = 1, Treetop Walk

Other = 7

30 Grazing Licenses

+ concessions for easements, gravel takes, beehives, accommodation and others



Heritage & Visitor assets

Pre-COVID tourism spend on the West Coast comprised between 17% and 24% of the West Coast economy

We are anticipating international visitor numbers to gradually increase over the next 2 summer seasons

Hokitika Gorge

Numerous short and day walks

3 camp sites

90+ backcountry huts + tracks and bridges

Regional building team





Our collaboration with others and our volunteers enables us to achieve conservation outcomes across Te Tai Poutini ... **and to connect with our communities**

How we will address post COVID challenges

The economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts:

- Stresses on businesses
- Change in customers (how to turn volume into value)
- Change in demand for use of PCL (more than tourism)

The opportunities:

- Utilise the Government's J4N funding
- Be agile and responsive to access funds quickly
- Work collaboratively to avoid duplication of effort
- Utilise the Alliances we have set up

Jobs for Nature

Project	Partner	FTE	\$
Sustainable Wild Whitebait Fishery	WCRC	17	1.4M
Arahura Strategic Waterways Restoration	Mawhera Incorporation	44	3M
He Kākano Native Tree Nursery	Whiriwhiria Charitable Trust	12	500k
Weed Free Te Tai Poutini	DWC	56	3.3M
Sustaining South Westland			
Predator Free South Westland			



Thank you *Let's stay connected as our journey's continue*

