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**Re. Further Submission on the POP Draft Water Section.**

Tena koe,

*Nga mihi nui ki a koe i roto i nga tini ahuatanga o te wa nei.*

Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated (TMI), the mandated iwi authority for Rangitaane o Manawatu, thanks you for our correspondence regarding the POP Draft Water Section.

TMI has been involved in earlier consultation over this section and note that there are further addition needed in Part Three; Special Standards For Activities Undertaken In Sites Of Special Environmental Value (**pp97**), and the summary table; Critical Habitat Requirements of Significant Aquatic Species in the Manawatu –Whanganui Region (**pp102**) As Noted In the water section The One Plan

The omission of longfin eels (*Anguilla deffendachii*) migration from this section would be culturally irresponsible as indications are that this species is in serious decline and as the resource managing authority Horizons are charged with insuring adequate steps are taken to maintain sufficiently safe fish passage for both life stages of this species. Our other inclusion covers the lack of recognition by other submitters on the importance of the western coasts estuaries and waterways as a stopover place for international migratory species such as the bar tailed godwit and Caspian and Siberian terns which breed in the Manawatu region.

These species are waahi taonga species of Rangitaane o Manawatu they were a navigation aid to Rom tupuna, an environmental indicator of seasonal change, and utilised as a food source.

*Ka kabutia i te korowai, Te Rangimarie, Te Aroha, Te Whakaiti, Ka Whakapuawai he iwi humarie*  
*Spread the cloak of Peace and Love, so shall blossom the people of humility*



Our recommendations are as follows;

**Additional condition in the special standards section pp97**

**PART THREE SPECIAL STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN SITES OF SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE AS NOTED IN THE ONE PLAN**

**1. Generic Special Standards 97**

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**1.2 Whitebait Migration**

*The following standards shall apply in water bodies valued as whitebait migration:.....*

**1.3 Inanga Spawning Sites**

**Suggested Additional section;**

**1.4 Adult and Juvenile Eel/tuna Migrations**

The following standards shall apply in water bodies where upstream/ downstream eel/tuna migrations occur:

1. The use of mobile machinery in the actively flowing channel of a river or lake in a manner that releases sediment shall not take place in water bodies involved in eel/tuna migration between October and March. For the avoidance of doubt, machinery operating above the water level to place rock or drive piles into the bed of the river is permitted so long as there is no associated excavation or bank shaping below the water level and subsequent sediment release.

2. Lake, river or drain clearance (either mechanical or herbicidal) in these sites shall be avoided between October and March.

3. Construction of dams, culverts, and weirs will be done in a manner suitable to allow fish passage both up and down stream in a way that does not compromise fish survival. The planned structure shall be subject to increased consent conditions prior to the consent being granted to allow consultation with relevant experts and iwi to insure the continued survival of these species.

**Abridged table pp102**

Site number	Scheme	Species	Special Standards for good practice
A47, A48, A49	Lower Manawatu Scheme	Redfin Bully	A consent will be required to undertake in-stream works upstream of the bridge. Works downstream of the bridge are permitted if carried out under Code of Practice standards.
R9, R13	Lower Manawatu Scheme	Dotterels	Between 1 August and 10 January, gravel extraction and bed disturbance on gravel beaches shall only take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when an inspection of the site shows no dotterel are present; or</li> <li>within 7 days following a flood of the area of beach that is the subject of the activity; or</li> <li>where the extraction or disturbance commenced at the same location prior to 1 August and has not been interrupted for more than 7 days.</li> </ul>
A35	Lower Manawatu Scheme (Turitea)	Lamprey	Before starting work on a reach, record the number of pools and ensure that works do not reduce the total number of pools within that reach. Indigenous vegetation shall only be removed if it has fallen into the bed of the stream. Willows shall be selectively cleared in accordance with the Code of Practice downstream of State Highway 57 bridge (at Massey).
R18, R19	Lower Manawatu Scheme	Dotterels Waders	Mud and silt dredging shall only occur as an incidental part of bank stabilisation work. Between 1 August and 10 January, gravel extraction and bed disturbance on gravel beaches (beach raking) shall only take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when an inspection of the site shows no dotterel are present; or</li> <li>within 7 days following a flood of the area of beach that is the subject of the activity; or</li> <li>where the extraction or disturbance commenced at the same location prior to 1 August</li> </ul>
A41	Himatangi Scheme  <i>Himatangi/ Foxton Beach Scheme</i>	<u>Dotterels</u> <u>Waders</u> <u>Bar tail Godwit</u> <u>Siberian tern</u> <u>Royal Spoonbill</u>	<u>Mud and silt dredging shall only occur as an incidental part of bank stabilisation work.</u> <u>Between 1 August and 10 April, gravel extraction and bed disturbance on gravel beaches (beach raking) shall only take place:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>when an inspection of the site shows no international migrants' are present; or</u></li> <li><u>within 7 days following a flood of the area of beach that is the subject of the activity; or</u></li> <li><u>where the extraction or disturbance commenced at the same location prior to 1 August</u></li> </ul>

We wish to seek the inclusion of our recommendations in this section to protect Rangitaane interest's in these native and culturally significant species that interact with the river and its environs. We await the opportunity to presenting on these suggestions at the upcoming hearing and look forward Horizons consulting with us regarding future

changes to this section to mitigate any future adverse effect on our waahi tapu and waahi taonga in our rohe.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to present our views on this matter.



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