



NZFFA June 2023 Newsletter

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NZ FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 22 JULY 10:00am

This year will be the first year we will be holding our AGM as an online meeting using Skype.

All members wishing to join the online AGM must forward their email to secretary@nzffa.com by 19 July 2023 in order to receive the meeting link.

We are calling for remits from members and nominations to the executive. If you have either of these then again please forward to secretary@nzffa.com.

The draft agenda for the AGM is as follows:

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - Apologies
 - Notices of General Business
 - Written Remits from Clubs & Members
 - President's Report
 - Minutes of 2022 AGM
 - Actions Arising from 2021 AGM Minutes
 - Financial Report
 - Change of Constitution
 - Election of Officers
 - Membership & Subscription Fees
 - General Business

David Haynes

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New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers

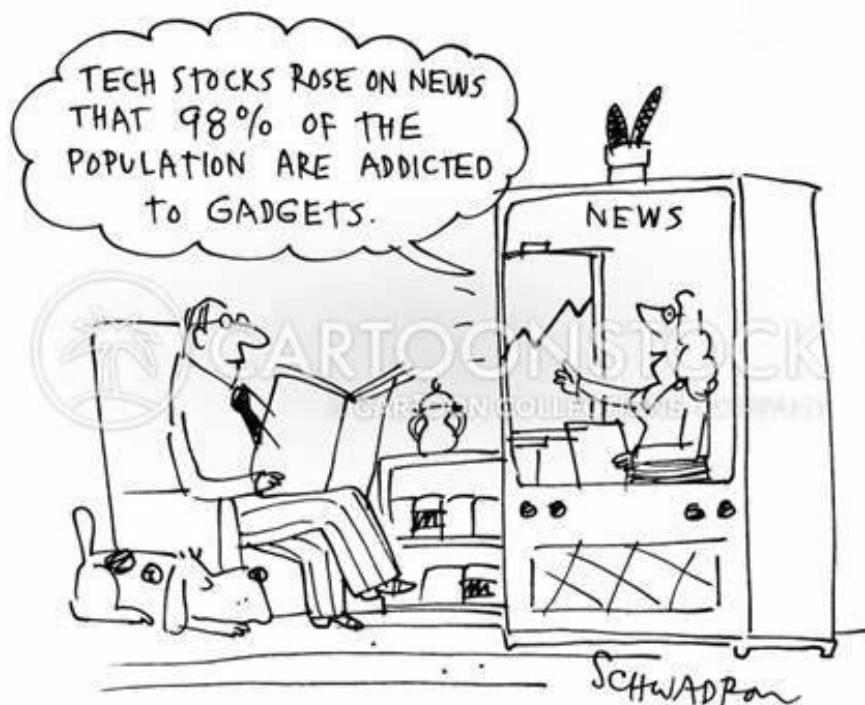
New Incentives for You to Participate

As well as all our usual posts for your delight and delectation, we are now launching two new incentives to invite member participation.

First, a Bulletin Board is now available at <https://nzffa.com/bb/> and whilst bulletin boards might be a tad olde-fashioned, they nonetheless provide an ideal medium for you to exchange ideas with each other.

Second, between now and the election, we will be running a survey of anticipated voting patterns. It will be available at <https://nzffa.com/survey/>

We recognise that many voters may start off undecided, or even change their minds in the lead up to election night as more politicking takes place. Given that, this survey will be repeated regularly to gauge any shift in possible outcomes. Please feel free to engage.

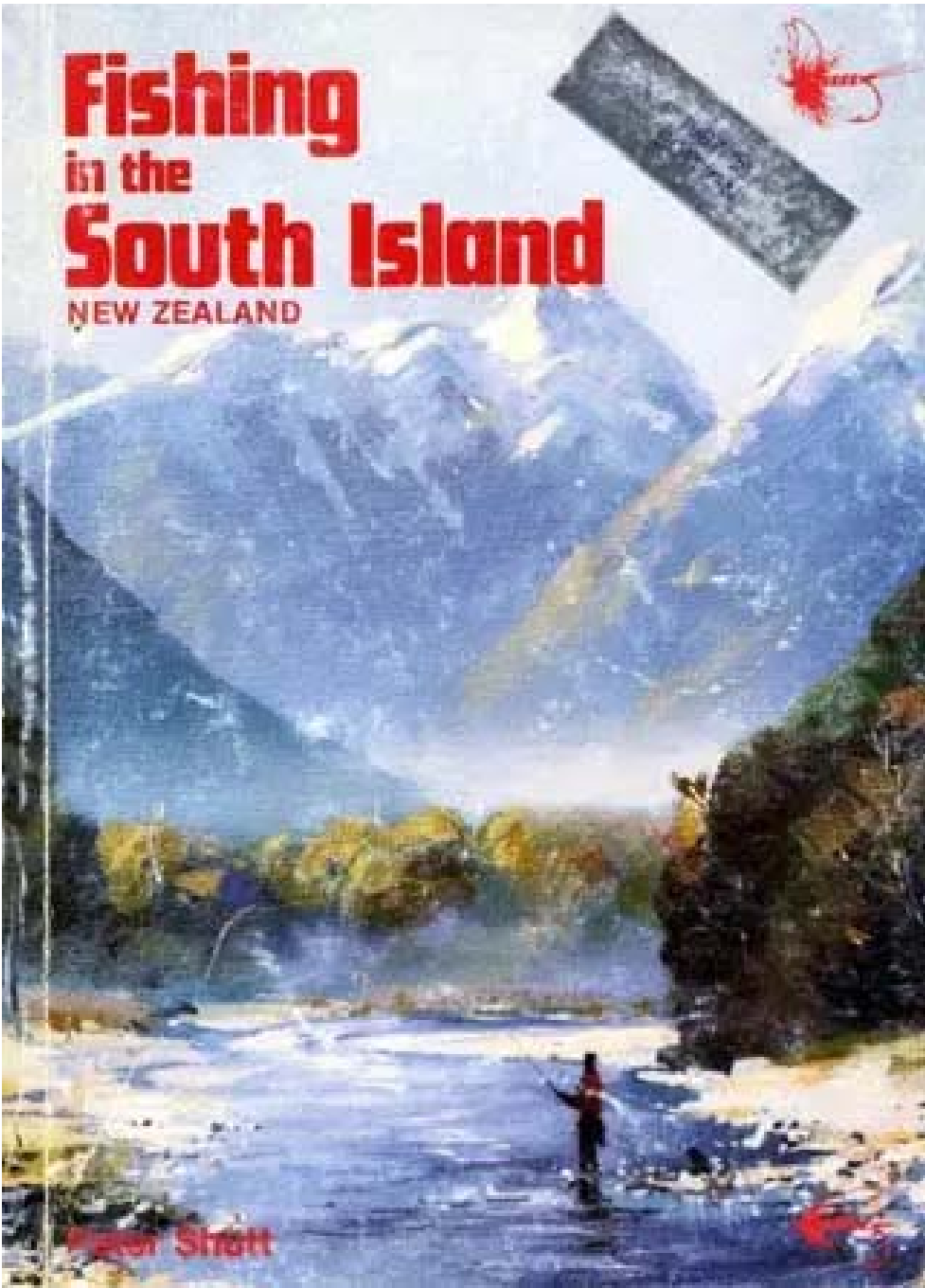


Obituary - Peter Shutt

Peter passed away in April this year. Like several others in the club I was away fishing when he passed. He would not have minded that. He was the patron of the Christchurch Fishing and Casting Club from the mid-1990s until just a couple of years ago when health issues slowed him down. Peter had an outstanding career promoting freshwater angling in New Zealand; especially in the South Island.

Peter served both the South Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, including as Chairman, and the Fish and Game organization for many years. It is quite common to see Peter's name featuring prominently in the minutes of the national and Central South Island Fish and Game Council meetings over the thirty years of its existence. Only a small handful of New Zealanders have contributed as much of their time, efforts and wisdom.

Many knew Peter through his regular columns in the Timaru Herald, where he was on staff for many years, and as editor of the South Island section of New Zealand Fishing News. He was also a pioneer of trout fishing guiding. He had a regular angling radio show for several years and Peter operated a Timaru sporting goods retail store for many years. A photo of Peter in store featured inside the cover of what is probably his most well-known contribution to angling; his book "Fishing in the South Island New Zealand".





This book was first published (by Peter himself) in 1983. It was an immediate success. The book was revised and reprinted later that year and then every year for the next six years. It ranked up there with Yates Garden Guide and the Edmonds Cook Book as one of the most successful New Zealand publications of all time. I had an early 1980s version but it eventually fell apart from very regular use. I still have a copy of the 1990 edition. Its advice on fishing is still valid. Copies still come available at second-hand book sales.

Alan Burgess reviewed the book four years ago and described it as "one of the best freshwater fishing books ever written by a New Zealand angler". Like me Alan found its accuracy and general

usefulness deserving ongoing recognition. The book sets out the most suitable flies and spinners for each of the hundreds of angling locations on the mainland. The names of the lures have sometimes changed but it is easy to determine what the modern equivalent would be.

As a former Timaruvian I was impressed and aware enough of his achievements to ask Peter to accept the role as patron when I became the club's President in 1995. He not only accepted but became a regular speaker at club meetings, donated a cup to be presented annually to a member for outstanding contributions to the club, regularly provided vouchers for NZ Fishing News as prizes, and made the journey with Elaine each year to the club's Christmas lunch. They would sometimes stay in their campervan at the Papanui RSA car park in order to attend.

In recent years I have kept in touch with Peter and Elaine on my regular visits to Timaru. We would swap home-made or home-grown produce and our thoughts on the sport. We last caught up just before Christmas. After Christmas I received an email from him outlining his mobility issues. The key words in the letter were "Thankfully Elaine is fighting fit, so we are getting along just fine". They had just had 11 for Xmas lunch so I guess Elaine was flat out. Despite that they were positive about the year ahead. Sadly Peter deteriorated and passed away on 20 April aged 81.



At a personal level I always valued Peter's encouragement firstly when I took over the editor's role for the club newsletter in about 1993 and subsequently as I continued to regularly contribute articles. It was reassuring to have such an experienced journalist supporting my writing. Those of us who knew him well realize that we have not only lost a good friend but also know that angling has lost one of its greatest advocates and supporters. Peter's appearances and roles at the club's 30th and 50th anniversary dinners were highlights for club members.

We offer Elaine our sincere condolences. While her family will be there for her support it is important that Elaine is also able to draw further strength from the knowledge that fishers like us are able to carry on the support for angling as a recreational sport that Peter valued so much. Our recreational enjoyment is because of the decades of work that Peter, with Elaine's support, has done for us and future generations.

Rex N. Gibson

RAKAIA WATER CONSERVATION ORDER –ENVIRONMENT COURT UPDATE



We have been in something of a holding pattern for months whilst the Environment Court decides whether there is one or multiple declarations to be considered. To this end the judge has appointed a barrister to sit down with all legal parties to thrash this out this coming July. The court may also decide to request all interested parties become parties to the case. This latter decision may invoke the eighty odd holders of irrigation consents from the Rakaia River to come forward which will make our battle even more of a David & Goliath struggle.

We are fortunate to have NZ Salmon Anglers, NZ Future Rivers Trust, North Canterbury Fish & Game and EDS on our side and we continue to work closely with our allies. We applied to the Ministry for the Environment's Environmental Legal Assistance Fund for \$21,000 to cover the July legal caucusing and we continue to receive donations from many of our members.

However, this is a hugely expensive and time consuming action and we need more donations from as many of you as possible. So, if you have not already done so, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE NZZFA WCO FUND – you can either donate via PayPal – the button is on our website – or directly to our bank account which is: 02-0524-0112601-000.

**NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF
FRESHWATER ANGLERS (INC.)**



The Removal/Omission of the protection of Trout and Salmon from the Natural and Built Environment Bill.

Opinion piece by;
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The Removal/Omission of the protection of Trout and Salmon from the Natural and Built Environment Bill.

Fish and Game are belatedly mounting a campaign to have the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon included in the Natural and Built Environment Bill.

The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers unreservedly supports this campaign

The importance of trout and salmon to New Zealand's environment

As well as being highly valued by a majority of New Zealanders as the main focus of our freshwater recreational fisheries, salmon and trout perform key roles as indicators of water quality, and as a focus for the preservation of freshwater habitats.

Trout and salmon serve as indicators of effective environmental protection.

Albeit through enlightened self-interest, Acclimatization Societies and latterly Fish and Game, have done more to protect New Zealand's natural environment than any other private or public entity.

Most of our existing National Water Conservations Orders and challenges against over exploitation of water for irrigation, electricity, and other uses are due to the work of F&G or Acclimatization Societies.

Research into NZ fish diseases and management was for many years funded by anglers, (Acclimatization Societies), with later support from the Marine Department.

The (few) fish scientists at NIWA in Kyle Street, Christchurch owe their positions to the importance New Zealanders placed on salmon and trout.

Due to the foresight and sustained effort of the many volunteer New Zealanders who have served on Acclimatization Societies and F&G councils, New Zealand developed a recreational fishery that is highly valued by New Zealand and Overseas anglers.

This once outstanding fishery is visibly being lost to development and short term government policy. In the main, central and regional government see their role in facilitating the use of land and water for economic development.

F&G is the only entity that has the membership and history to advocate for freshwater environments. Largely due to being self funding F&G is a uniquely democratic organization able to act with a measure of independence.

Part 2 S.7 (h) of the RMA 1991 enables F&G to have a seat at the table when water allocation decisions are made;

The RMA 1991

The Resource Management Act 1991 gave Fish & Game a Statutory pathway to advocate for freshwater habitats for trout and salmon;

[Part 2 Purpose and Principles of the Resource Management Act 1991

7. Other Matters

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall have particular regard to –

(h) the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon]

The omission of trout and salmon from the NBEB compromises Fish and Game's ability to be an effective advocate for freshwater habitats.

The inclusion of trout and salmon in the NBEA should be non negotiable.

The Natural and Built Environment Bill

The NBEB is a cynical short term response to the "housing crisis".

It's unstated purpose is to speed up, (in order to reduce cost), the consenting of land for housing development.

A Bill or Act designed to expand the built environment can never achieve its other stated objective of protecting the natural environment.

Such a Bill (or Act) cannot achieve this goal.

Consents essentially make land or water into a commodities that have similar rights to property. Consents are passed on with a change in land ownership.

Consents are simply a means of privatising a common.

Nobody "owns" water—until it is stored, or channelled to be used for irrigation or other purposes.

Compliant politicians create private wealth from public commons for those with the resources to influence those politicians. Whether through donations to political parties, or through the hiring of professional lobbyists, the natural assets of our country are becoming the assets of a privileged few.

The NBEA is a classic piece of short term government policy in response to a perceived crisis – it seems it is considered politically expedient for the Minister of the Environment to diminish the environment, "for the good of the people" while purporting to protect it.

Shades of the Ecan Act 2010

The justification for the NBEB is strikingly similar to the Environment Canterbury (Temporary Commissioners) and Improved Water Management Act 2010, (Ecan Act), when John Key's National government simply took over the Canterbury Regional Council and supported by enabling legislation, turned Canterbury into a monoculture of irrigated dairy farms. The 2008 financial recession was the driver of this constitutionally repugnant response.

The Canterbury Regional Council's "failure" to issue the desired consents for unbridled irrigation development was used as the justification for the government's takeover of Ecan. (Wyatt Creech's critical report was delivered in February 2010 just prior to the Ecan Act in April 2010).

Key succeeded in his aim of increasing GDP and creating wealth for several thousand Canterbury farmers at a huge environmental cost.

Key succeeded in polluting the near pristine groundwater beneath hundreds of thousands of hectares of Canterbury farmland with pathogens from cattle faeces and nitrate.

Key succeeded in destroying the once internationally and nationally recognised outstanding recreational fisheries of the Rakaia River.

Key succeeded in destroying Canterbury's lowland fisheries.

Key succeeded in destroying a once vast species of native fish endemic to Canterbury's braided rivers.

Key succeeded in destroying Cantabrians's trust in local and central government.

Ecan is now in a compromised situation in which it has issued numerous irrigation consents which it is unable to manage, monitor, and enforce. It has issued water abstraction and storage consents that has compromised the Rakaia River NWCO 1988.

Ecan's cynical response is to seek a Declaration in the Environment Court that it is not responsible for monitoring and enforcing the Rakaia NWCO. It seems Ecan wants no part of a mess of its own making.

David Parker

The Minister for the Environment began 2018 by claiming his Government had made a clear commitment to action on freshwater in the confidence and supply agreements; *"There is no easy fix, because it sometimes takes many years for the pollution already in our land and water to dissipate. But we're not going to keep kicking the can down the road and leave the hard issues for future generations."*

How will another Act that speeds up consenting processes, gives greater power to central government to determine how the natural

environment is managed, predicated on non-notified hearings, improve matters?



Outdoor Council Concerned About Government's RMA Replacement Bill

The Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations has deep concerns over a government bill which if passed, will replace the controversial Resource Management Act.

"This bill attacks the very essence of the public ownership of fish and game resources in New Zealand," said CORANZ spokesman Tony Orman.

CORANZ's opposition followed a very recent press release in which Fish and Game NZ deplored the bill and expressed "extreme concern".

"Trout and salmon fishing, duck and game bird shooting are fundamentally public sports in line with the ethos, introduced by early European settlers, of an egalitarian society of equal opportunity for all", he said. "I believe New Zealand was founded by people who had deliberately abandoned a feudal society built on privilege and a pecking order to establish one based on social equality and opportunity for all."

The proposal in Minister David Parker's bill is to abandon the valued recognition of trout and salmon - the fish introduced by early European settlers - by removing the protection of habitat vital to these fish (and game) resources. Fishing and hunting are major participant sports with an estimated 300,000 enjoying freshwater trout and salmon fishing and duck and game bird shooting. Tony Orman said he found the bill promoted by the Minister for the Environment David Parker at odds with the minister's reported interests in tramping and fly fishing for trout.

He also recalled several years ago, the minister and a Labour MP Megan Woods campaigning on a video extolling the need for restoring rivers to quality ample flows to enable New Zealanders to enjoy outdoor recreation such as fly fishing for trout.

"Yet here in 2023 is the same minister advocating legislation which will essentially remove the protection of trout and salmon habitat. Those electioneering words from that 2017 video have a strong echo to to them, i.e. hollow promises," said Tony Orman.

He praised Fish and Game NZ's alertness and energy in publicly making the government bill's alarming short-comings apparent.



Tony Orman - fishing and hunting are truly public sports. Government RMA moves endanger that "public ownership"

IT'S UP TO US



200 years ago, you could probably have found less adaptive native birds like these Whio – imitating the male blue duck's whistle – the female rattles like a slowed-up mallard drake – all round the country. The main reason you cannot is simple: their natural habitat and food source has been severely diminished, by human activity. Add predators like stoats, weasels, feral cats and dogs into the equation and frankly, it's amazing these unique birds still exist.

Whio have much in common with trout. They thrive best in cool, clean streams that support a heavy population of aquatic invertebrates, on which both species feed; exclusively, for whio and juvenile trout. Remove the trees around such streams and numbers of both trout and whio immediately decline. Pollute the water and their numbers decline further.

Draw water from the flow and further still.

This year's election provides yet another opportunity for New Zealanders to say, 'ENOUGH!'

In the last 30 years we have let successive governments do nothing while streams and rivers have been exposed, extracted and polluted all over the country, for short term economic growth. If we care about 'a liveable and sustainable future for all' – trout, whio and humans – it's up to us to ensure future governments protect New Zealand's freshwater.

Begging Notice - Part Quattro



To those who have already made a contribution to our cause, our gratitude - Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

NZFFA still needs ongoing funds to help us with our ongoing representations on your behalf.

Legal fees are never going to be cheap, and there are several issues needing our immediate attention.

Anything you can do to assist would be so much appreciated - either a one-off or a regular monthly contribution.

See here at <https://nzffa.com/all-donations-gratefully-received/>

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This great Rolling Stones classic might describe the current plight of anglers and hunters.

As the people in Fish and Game are finally admitting the future looks pretty grim.

We have tried and tried to be good citizens who appreciate and wish to conserve the resources in our outdoors environment.

We have tried and tried to cooperate with the DOC and other government bureaucracies in good faith but get no respect.

We expect some reasonable representation from the MPs in our government but "don't get no satisfaction" because someone else is pulling their strings.

Politics is a game between groups of people called political parties to see who can win the competition for government authority and power over the rest of the people.

There are active and influential members in these small groups who have learned the game. They are the PLAYERS.

The Players are also the DECIDERS who choose the celebrity politicians and promote them to be elected to represent them.

These Players and Deciders are a small minority of the total population.

The rest of the people are the SPECTATORS who watch the game and also pay for the game to be played.

The Spectators comment, criticize, complain and discuss the game. They also choose a team and wear its colours so they can feel like they are part of the game.

They are not part of the game because they are not involved in the game. They don't understand how the game is played and how few people influence the winning and losing.

Most people that hunt and fish say they don't want to bother with politics and think that voting gives them real influence and choice of who represents them in the government.

They don't understand that the Deciders have already chosen who can be voted for and used every false promise, lie and bribe they can devise to seduce the voters by promising them more of what they want in return for doing less to deserve what they want.

The only people that really get what they want are the Players in the successful political parties. The Red, Green and Blue teams have very few Players and Deciders who care about fishing, hunting and responsibly using firearms.

They have other priorities and agendas.

The ACT Party has some influential members who do appreciate fishing, hunting and recreational shooting and also had the support of many responsible owners of firearms who have been unjustly discriminated against in the last election.

This support helped ACT become more successful in the game of politics in 2020 and continues to be valued as necessary for success in 2023.

Reciprocity is a human characteristic that encourages us to cooperate with one another for our mutual advantage and survival.

In politics, the people that help the politically ambitious people to win the game get rewarded for their efforts and those that do not help get ignored and neglected.

People who value access to fish and game could join and become influential in any political party

but

They are not very welcomed or respected in the Labour, Green or National parties.

They will not achieve very much in the small parties that have no representatives in the current government.

They cannot expect "someone else" to do what needs to be done for them.

Joining, supporting and helping the ACT party to have more success in October is our best (and perhaps only) chance to have an effective voice in the next government and to make sure the ACT MPs honour their commitment to represent us effectively and loyally in return for our continuing loyalty and support.

My suggestion for those who would like to retain access to fish and game is to PARTY VOTE ACT and Candidate vote National (even reluctantly).

More importantly, join and become more involved in ACT to ensure that this party represents us effectively in the future.

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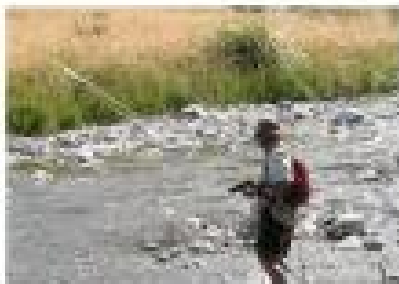
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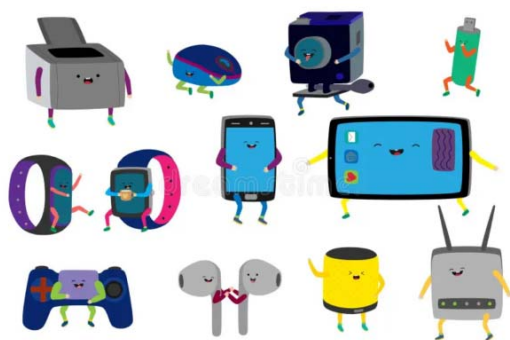
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Book review "Takahe – Bird of Dreams" by Alison Balance, published by Potton and Burton. Price \$59.99. Reviewed by Tony Orman Zoologist Alison Ballance and Nelson-based publishers Potton and Burton...

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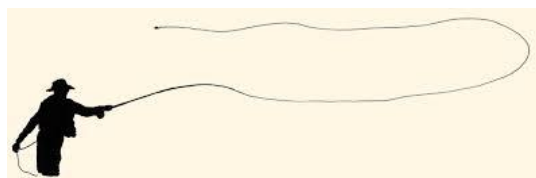
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