

PERMIT TO ENTER PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND
TO HUNT KOI CARP for 2025/26.

This permit is issued pursuant to Section 38 of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 50 of the Reserves Act 1977, and hereby authorises:

NZ Bowhunters Society
P O Box 11277
Ellerslie
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To enter with a hunting weapon, upon land administered by the Department of Conservation and other lands named on this permit for the purposes of hunting and killing koi carp or European carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) / Amur carp (*Cyprinus rubrofuscus*).

1. Permitted Persons

This permit applies to those persons who are current members of the NZ Bowhunters Society (“Bowhunters Society”), evidence of which is to be produced on demand.

2. Permit Area:

2.1 Reserves and public conservation land known as:

- Lake Waikare Wildlife Management Reserve (“WMR”)
- Lake Whangape (Restricted Place – see below)
- Lake Waahi WMR
- Lake Kimihia WMR
- Te Onetea Stream marginal strip (Restricted Place – see below)
- Lake Rotokawau (Black Lake) Stewardship Land
- Horsham Downs WMR (Lakes B, C, E (part of), Areare, Hotoananga (part of), Pikopiko)
- Lake Rotongaro WMR, Lake Rotongarotoiti WMR
- Whangamarino Wetland (GPRWM)
- Waikato River Islands WMR

3. Conditions:

- 3.1 All koi carp must be dead while in the possession of Bowhunters Society members.
- 3.2 All unwanted fish must be buried or disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner.
- 3.3 Eels or acclimatised fish must not be targeted as a species to hunt.
- 3.4 Gold clam (*Corbicular fluminea*) is an Unwanted Organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993. As such, all Waikato River users MUST use the gold clam Check, Clean, Dry (“CCD”) cleaning methods on all apparel and equipment, including boats, watercraft, weapons, clothing, waders, footwear and gear that have been in contact with river water from Lake Maraetai to Port Waikato. This condition also applies to ANY other clam infested waterway identified in the future. Check the Biosecurity New Zealand website (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/exotic-pests-and-diseases-in-new-zealand/pests-and-diseases->

[under-response/freshwater-gold-clam/#how-to-prevent](#)) for the most up to date gold clam cleaning methods and gear specific instructions.

- 3.5 Bowhunters may hunt koi for the duration of this permit (one year) but MUST use the gold clam CCD methods to clean their gear and equipment BEFORE moving to ANY other non-infested waterbody throughout New Zealand. If bowhunters enter the main stem of the Waikato River, they must not move upstream and re-enter it. When hunting in a tributary or waters connected to the Waikato River, move from upstream to downstream.
- 3.6 Under the Biosecurity Act 1993, Lake Whangape has a Controlled Area Notice in place for alligator weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*). Lake users must CCD their gear and equipment, particularly boats, trailers, vehicles, vehicle tyres and footwear, to ensure any alligator weed fragments are removed BEFORE leaving the lake.
- 3.7 The number of fish killed to be recorded and provided to the Department of Conservation on expiry of this permit to waikato@doc.govt.nz or to the Waikato District Office.
- 3.8 Unless sooner revoked, or varied, this authority is valid for 1 year from the date of issue.

DATED at Hamilton this 12th day of January 2026



Aaron Lunt
Acting Operations Manager, Waikato District



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

12th January 2026

NZ Bowhunters Society
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By email:

Tēnā koe David

Re: Permit to enter PCL to hunt koi carp

Thank you for your application for a permit to enter public conservation land to hunt koi carp. Your members' permit is included.

The permit granted for one year from the date of issue contains new conditions to address the risk of spreading gold clam (*Corbicular fluminea*), an unwanted freshwater organism found in the Waikato.

Thank you for the continued support, vigilance, and efforts of the Bowhunters Society to help minimise the risk of spreading gold clam and alligator weed in Waikato and beyond.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Lunt', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Aaron Lunt
Acting Operations Manager, Waikato District