

CASE STUDY: CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND CONSULTATION

OSPRI is listening, and accommodating a wide range of views about the effects of its operations through genuine public consultation.

The 2016 consultation process attracted a large number of submissions about the effects of planned aerial possum control operations on deer hunting, especially in highly-valued sika deer hunting areas on public lands in the central North Island. These submissions made it clear that planned expansion of operations in this area would have major impacts on commercial and recreational hunting.

After carefully considering these submissions, and further meetings and discussions with hunting organisations, OPSRI decided to:

- Use deer repellent on 1080 bait across all sika deer habitat on public land, and on other highly valued hunting areas.
- Use deer repellent bait across more than 130,000ha of operations on public land in North and South Island high country deer habitat during upcoming operations.
- Undertake trials on the efficacy of repellent for sika deer that are being funded as an outcome of consultation in 2016.
- Split the proposed Kaipō operation into two, with one half being deferred for control in 2017.
- Defer the proposed Kaweka East operation to 2017 to allow for further consultation.
- Re-configure the Kaweka East operation into three blocks



to be treated across three years, allowing hunters access to large untreated areas of front and back country during each hunting season.

- Change timing of some operations to avoid the roar season and other popular hunting periods.

OSPRI remains committed to broad public consultation through published notifications, information days and meetings with affected parties.

An infographic overleaf maps OSPRI's consultation process.

AERIAL OPERATION PLANNING AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

