

**Q. Why is CPW saying it will address fish screen design AFTER getting consent, not before?**

Pat Morrison, chairman of Central Plains Water Limited says, " We have spent considerable time addressing fish screens and feel that prior to developing a final solution there will be a need to establish the performance criteria for fish screens, including fish protection objectives and requirements, site specific survey of fish activities, evaluation of engineering options, and costing.

"We are proposing that, if consents are granted, a team of experts will be commissioned to lead the next stages of analysis for the final solution and design of fish screens. The team would consist of a suitably qualified fishery biologist with recognised expertise in salmonid fisheries, and a suitably qualified engineer with experience in the design and operation of fish screens and deflection barriers. This approach is our proposed consent condition and has been modelled on the conditions which have been accepted as appropriate in other consent applications.

Environment Canterbury's evidence concurs with this approach with reporting officer Leo Fietje's recommending "should Commissioners decide to grant consent, the setting of performance standards in conjunction with a review and certification process should be required".