



Battle for Our Birds Information Evening

Presented by Graeme Elliott, Department of Conservation Scientist

Thursday 21st July 2016: 6pm to 7:30pm Glenorchy Community Hall (Mull St, Glenorchy)

You are invited to hear Graeme Elliott, a well known DOC scientist, provide an overview of this year's Battle for Our Birds programme across New Zealand.

Battle for our Birds is a national pest control effort run by DOC to protect our vulnerable native species. The programme uses biodegradable 1080 applied by air to knock down booming numbers of predators that follow a beech mast event.

Graeme will talk about beech masts, rats, stoats and their impacts on native birds. He will describe the last Battle for Our Birds in 2014 and what DOC is planning in response to the 2016 beech mast. This will include details for the Dart, Routeburn and Caples valleys, where an aerial 1080 operation is likely this spring.

Following the talk will be a Q&A session that will be run by an independent chairperson.

If you are interested but cannot attend please contact us by email or phone for further information.

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