

## **Work completed over the last 2 years as part of the Freshwater Ecosystems Programme**

- a detailed look at the functioning and processes of freshwater ecosystems in the Region;
- workshops with flood protection staff and with other staff in the Council on how freshwater ecosystems function;
- a review of existing information about freshwater fish in the Region;
- an easily accessible GIS database of fish records in the Region;
- surveys of Inanga (whitebait) spawning sites in 33 rivers around the Region;
- inventories of structures affecting fish passage in South Wairarapa and the western part of the Region; and
- classification of rivers in the Region using the national “river environment classification” system.