CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 15 December 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Present:

J Cruden

L Koevoet

B Growcott

P McLauchlan

M Hall

G Rooney (Chairman)

D Isbister

J Henry (Ngai Tahu)

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan, A Christensen, J Couper, M Webb, H Stevens

R Adams and R Cosgrove (SI Communications Officer) (left at 4:15pm).

DoC: D Winterburn.

16-054 APOLOGIES:

B Whipp (leave of absence), Kevin Payne, Will Spry.

AGREED that the apologies be accepted.

Presentation to Matthew Hall

Richard Cosgrove, on behalf of the NZ Fish and Game Council, presented Matthew Hall with a portrait of those Councillors who served as NZ Council Chairman, including Matthew, over the past 25 years of Fish and Game.

Wide acclaim was expressed by the CSI Fish and Game Council.

16-055 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. No changes were advised.

16-056 GENERAL BUSINESS:

- None.

16-057 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises were noted.

16-058 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 20 October 2016

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

16-043

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

16-059 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

059.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Chief Executive provided Council with a chart outlining licence sales on a daily accumulative chart. He noted that at the present time CSI licence sales are tracking at about 2% down on the previous year.

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTING FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$81,073.37 AND \$335,875.03, RESPECTIVELY.

16-060 DOC LIAISON:

- 060.1 D Winterburn updated and discussed with Council various works undertaken by DoC including:
 - Ranging issues related to the whitebait season.
 - Received a complaint about cattle in Deep Creek but noted that the cattle in question were not on Conservation land so referred the complaint to Environment Canterbury.
 - Fencing put in by CSI Fish and Game at Deep Creek is working well.
 - Harrisons Bight & Lake Emma access was opened with no delays this year due to weather being good.

16-061 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

061.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (8.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics reported in their activities and operations reports. Topics included:

- Increased effort in ranging at rivermouths. M Hall noted an increase in effort by anglers at the Rangitata in fishing for kahawai, herrings and mullet.
- All Day Bay trapping completed. Concern was raised about cats and how to address that issue. Chief Executive advised that the issue could be looked into.
- Fish salvage at Washdyke yielded a number of eels and galaxids. J Henry (Ngai Tahu) asked that he be advised when a salvage takes place at Washdyke.

16-062 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

062.1 2017/18 Gamebird Hunting Conditions (9.1)

M Webb provided his recommendations on the 2017/18 gamebird hunting conditions. The following recommendations resulted.

062.2 Mallard/Grey Duck

Resolved (Koevoet/Growcott)

14/040

THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE TO GAME SEASON CONDITIONS CONTROLLING MALLARD/GREY DUCK FOR 2017/18 SEASON.

062.3 Paradise Shelduck

Resolved (Isbister/Growcott)

14/041

- 1. THAT CHANGES TO GAME SEASON CONDITIONS CONTROLLING HARVEST OF PARADISE SHELDUCK FOR 2017/18 BE BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017 34-SITE MOULT COUNT, AS FOLLOWS
 - i. MOULT COUNT IN EXCESS OF 10,000 BIRDS NO CHANGE TO 2017 SEASON CONDITIONS. 2018 SEASON CONDITIONS TO CONSIDER INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH RELAXED HUNTING CONDITIONS FOR HARVEST.

- ii. MOULT COUNT OF BETWEEN 8,000 AND 10,000 BIRDS NO CHANGE TO 2017 SEASON CONDITIONS.
- iii. MOULT COUNT OF LESS THAN 8,000 REDUCTION OF 2017 WATER FOWL SEASON DAILY LIMIT BAG TO 15 BIRDS. NO CHANGE TO MID-SUMMER AND AUG/SEPT SEASONS CONDITIONS.

062.4 Black Swan

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet)

14/043

THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE TO GAME SEASON CONDITIONS CONTROLLING HARVEST OF BLACK SWAN FOR 2017/18 SEASON.

062.5 Shoveler and Pukeko

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet)

14/044

THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE TO GAME SEASON CONDITIONS CONTROLLING HARVEST OF SHOVELER AND PUKEKO FOR 2017/18 SEASON.

062.6 Quail, Pheasant, and Chukar

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet)

14/045

THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE TO GAME SEASON CONDITIONS CONTROLLING HARVEST OF QUAIL, PHEASANT, AND CHUKAR FOR 2017/18 SEASON.

062.7 Remaining Gazette Changes

Resolved (Growcott/Isbister)

14/046

THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDED AS STANDARD CALENDAR CHANGES –

- I. WATERFOWL SEASON, 6 MAY TO 30 JULY 2017.
- II. UPLAND GAME, 6 MAY TO 27 AUGUST 2017.
- III. MID-SUMMER SEASON, 3/4 AND 10/11 FEBRUARY 2018.
- IV. UPLAND GAME PROPERTIES WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS, 6 MAY TO 27 AUGUST 2017 AND 1 APRIL TO 4 MAY 2018.

062.8 2015/16 Annual Report and Financial Statements (9.2)

Chief Executive presented Council with the draft annual Performance Report for the financial year ended 31 August 2016 for approval.

Resolved (Cruden/McLauchlan)

16-047

THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR.

16-063 NZ COUNCIL MATTERS:

063.1 M Hall provided his report on NZC meeting held in Whangarei in November 2016.

Topics included update on financial review, purchase of rights to Fish & Game magazine from Fairfax, lead shot issue, trout exclusion from Kai Iwi lakes, Southland FGC Oreti and cycleway case, new licence categories and licence sales decline, owner occupier licence, RMA strategy workshop and bequeaths and donations policy.

Meeting closed: 6:10 pm.

Next Council Meeting – 16 February 2017

Signed

Date