

19-067 DOC LIAISON:

M Hall expressed concern that this Council has not seen a DoC representative at its meetings for quite some time. Council was aware there is a policy in DoC that they are to have a representative at Fish and Game meetings.

Resolved (Hall/Brooks)

19-063

THAT CSI RENEW AN INVITATION TO THE LOCAL DOC REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND CSI FISH AND GAME MEETINGS.

19-068 PUBLIC ISSUES FORUM:

068.1 Lake Opuha

Bryan Rapsey, Neville Stone, Allan Campbell and Barry Stone all addressed Council on their continued concerns regarding possible toxins in fish at Lake Opuha. Chair explained he had written a letter to MPI on behalf of anglers requesting that MPI look into the matter. J de Wit addressed Council on his concerns about Plan Change 7 and meeting processes re advertising of meetings. Chair thanked the public for their attendance.

Council was also advised of the sad news that D de Joux's health was failing and he was now in hospice. It was **AGREED** that an expression of condolence be forwarded to the family on behalf of the CSI Council.

19-069 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

069.1 Draft Governance Policy (9.1)

Chair introduced the draft Governance Policy that he, C Fulton and S Bannister had put together. He invited Councillors comments noting he proposed to bring a final draft to Council for approval at the October 2019 meeting.

L Koevoet requested that a policy on Collective Responsibility of Councillors be put back into the Governance document as it was in the document previously. Council **AGREED** that a clause on collective responsibility of Councillors be added to the draft.

M Hall queried Policy 5(5) & (6) under the section on Council's Leadership Responsibility. He believed that the wording was too limiting on members avoiding all involvement in day-to-day operational matters and that members are entitled to have a view. He suggested it be revised to clarify conditions of councillor involvement.

Council worked through the draft policy and appendices with Chair explaining the various aspects.

Risk Management

Chair noted that Council must have in place an effective risk management policy and that CE would need to review this policy in conjunction with staff and come back with any comments and suggestions.

Delegations and Appraisal Policy

It was noted that the suggestion of individual performance review of each Council member was taking things a step too far, so it was **AGREED** that there be a 'collective' review of Council performance rather than individual evaluations. It was further **AGREED** that the Chair's performance should be reviewed annually.

Chair noted that with any performance appraisal the person concerned should know the process of their review and have input on how it's to be carried out in order to have a fair approach. It was noted that the process for review of the CE 's performance should be explicit and should involve measurement against agreed KPIs.

Sensitive Expenditure Policy

It was noted that Council needs to consider that its OWP and budget process starts over a year before it becomes operational and Council cannot foresee what day-to-day operations are going to come along. It was felt Council needed a policy that covers unforeseen expenditure that enables some flexibility to handle extra-ordinary issues.

Communications Policy

It was felt that Council needed to consider a policy that addresses how it can better relate to our stakeholders. It was **AGREED** that M Hall and S Bannister would consider any necessary changes to the existing Communications Policy and report back to Council.

Chair undertook to revise drafting in light of comments received and circulate a further draft for consideration and voting at next meeting of Council.

19-070 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

070.1 Staff Activities Reports

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

Rangitata

M Hall advised that he would be bringing forward a paper on the Rangitata to be discussed in Public Excluded at the next meeting of Council.

Lower Ahuriri River

S Gerard advised that his uncle had made him aware that CSI were not supporting the Jet Boat Assn in their request for ~~additional days~~ continuation of jet boating on the Ahuriri River. He wished to know if that was the case as it was a different response to what CSI gave on the Rangitata. CE responded that the Ahuriri had different values compared to the Rangitata. It is highly rated as a fly-fishing river at a world level. The Rangitata WCO lists jet boating as one of its outstanding values. Staff took care to advocate exclusion of jet boating from salmon spawning areas in the Rangitata.

Reviewing Operational Reports

Chair made the general comment that he was interested in finding a way for councillors to explore staff reports without occupying a lot of meeting time. S Bannister suggested that separate session be held with staff before regular council meeting to discuss their activity and information reports.

Sea-Run Salmon Committee

A Brooks noted that a significant amount of direction to the Sea-Run Salmon Committee is sourced and researched by the CSI Staff. Council supported this view.

070.2 Sockeye Spawning Update

Comment was made about the high sockeye spawning numbers, ~70,000. J Couper is researching techniques for catching sockeye as a recreational resource.

070.3 Use of Bare-Hook Rigs at the Canals

Staff presented a paper on the use of bare-hook rigs after being advised that this method is being used as an adaption of the egg-rolling method at the canals. It was stressed that use of bare hook rigs is illegal in NZ as cited in the First Schedule the Anglers Notice. M Hall outlined for Council the Canadian approach and issues with NZ regulation of rigs.

070.4 RDR Consent Summary

Report was received by Council.

19-071 NZFGC MATTERS:

D Isbister provided an update on NZC matters from the 12/13th August 2019 meeting of the NZ Council. Topics included:

- Hawkes Bay audit finalised. Report is with Hawkes Bay Fish and Game for comment.
- CSI Audit was discussed.
- Strategic Financial Review Committee – consists of D Isbister, R O’Keefe, R Grubb, and P Shortis.
- Remuneration Sub-Committee – consists of K Cochrane, P Teal, C Weatherall and B O’Leary.
- Minister has approved the licence fee.
- Research programmes – reporting of results to be followed up.
- Contestable Funds – concern raised that some are not being used after approval.

19-72 NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:

072.1 Fish Screen Policy (SG)

S Gerard requested a copy of the Fish and Game Fish Screen Policy. CE responded that as far as he was aware the preparation of draft policy still rested with the Salmon Committee. M Hall advised that once a draft policy was developed by the Salmon Committee, it would be required to present the draft policy to NZ Council in the first instance for approval to go out to regions for comment and then back to the NZ Council for final approval.

M Hall advised that as a result of the meeting between CSI and Environment Canterbury governors he was concerned at the clear breaches of consent requirements re fish screens.

Resolved (Hall/Brooks)

19-064

THAT A STERNLY WORDED LETTER BE SENT TO ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY EXPRESSING CSI COUNCIL’S CONCERNS WITH FISH SCREENS AND THE CLEAR BREACHES OF CONSENT REQUIREMENTS ALREADY IDENTIFIED BY ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY AND ADVISING THAT CSI WISHED TO SEE ACTION ON THIS.

072.2 Plan Change 7 (SG)

S Gerard asked if he could see the staff submission on Plan Change 7. Chair responded that it is not for Councillors to get into the detail of these matters. He stated this Council has expert staff that use their experience and technical training and ‘know how’ to carry out CSI Fish and Game’s objectives. He did not believe Councillors should get into the detail of these matters.

In response to a question of whether Councillors should always see staff submissions before they are submitted the Chair responded it would not always be appropriate for Councillors to sign off every submission before it goes out and reminded Councillors that technical and operational functions are delegated to the expert staff. C Fulton agreed and reminded Council of need for it to understand the line between what is 'operational' and what is 'governance.'

Chief Executive reminded Councillors that these matters are reported to them at each meeting in the Staff Activities and Operational Reports.

072.3 Bowyers Stream (SB)

S Bannister queried the total cost for Bowyers litigation so far? CE responded \$69,000 and clarified that the decision to prosecute and the two funding requests had been endorsed and approved by Council.

072.4 Upper Rangitata Jet Boating (SB)

S Bannister questioned the process for the upper Rangitata jet boat submission as he believed most Councillors opposed the application. Chief Executive advised that all Councillors were canvassed, and the result was an even split between those that opposed and those that didn't. He advised that staff considered the values to be protected, mainly spawning and submitted on these. He also noted that jet boating is listed as one of the outstanding values identified in the Rangitata Water Conservation Order.

Meeting closed: 10:19 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 17 October 2019.

Signed



Date

17 / 10 / 2019