

# CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held via video link on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7 pm.

Present: S Bannister D Isbister  
S Gerard L Koevoet  
M Hall A Simpson (Chair)  
B Growcott

In Attendance:

*F&G Staff:* J Graybill (Chief Executive), A Christensen (Resource Officer).

## **20-066 APOLOGIES:**

A Brooks, C McKenzie.

**Resolved (Gerard/Koevoet)**

**20-065**

**THAT THE APOLOGIES OF A BROOKS AND C MCKENZIE BE ACCEPTED.**

## **20-067 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:**

Chair queried if Councillors had any interests to declare?

D Isbister noted that as a member of the NZ Council he had an 'interest' on the subject of the Non-Resident Levy.

## **20-068 Chief Executive Report:**

068.1 Non-Resident Levy

Chief Executive spoke to his report. He posed questions for council consideration:

- Is it acceptable that the NZC decision was made without consultation with the regions?
- Does council wish to retain these funds in a 'special fisheries reserve' for the intended use on special fisheries issues as described to non-resident fish licence buyers? And
- Does Council wish that these funds be separately ring-fenced within CSI's reserves?

Chairman advised he had received letters from Otago and Auckland/Waikato FGC's stating they intend to retain the non-resident reserve. D Isbister added that North Canterbury FGC had sent a similar letter.

All Councillors agreed that consultation with regions should have taken place.

M Hall noted that the existing accumulated reserves belong to CSI and should be treated as any other income. He noted we do not yet know the outcome of the review, but we need to keep the money we have by arguing a better case in the budget round. He believed it's CSI's money and we'll make the decisions.

Councillors agreed that the non-resident levy should be used for special and at-risk fisheries and should be maintained separately from other reserves.

Chairman agreed stressing that the first thing that needs to be done is get the process right.

**Resolved (Hall/Gerard)**

**20-066**

**THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO NZ COUNCIL ADVISING CSI'S OBJECTION POINTS TO THE POOR PROCESS UNDERTAKEN BY THE NZC WITH REGARD TO THE NON-RESIDENT LEVY ISSUE.**

068.2 Balmacaan Stream

Council referred to A Christensen's report that the current situation as it relates to resource consents held by CSIFGC at Balmacaan Stream and the current non-compliance of the consent. The report also referred to Council's decision at the June 2020 Council meeting to adopt the recast 2020/21 budget that cut all funding allotted to the Balmacaan Stream project; this outcome deemed the project no longer viable. Since then, additional requirements to maintain the consents and additional funding would be required on top of what was previously budgeted (before budget cuts) including water metering and the likelihood of a fish screen. All up, it could cost as much as \$50,000, plus yearly metering costs. It was felt this needs to be considered against the value and success of a rainbow trout fishery or some other way of supporting the Lake Camp rainbow trout fishery, as Lake Camp is predominantly a perch fishery.

**Resolved (Growcott/Isbister)**

**20-067**

**THAT CSI DOES NOT UNDERTAKE ANY ADDITIONAL WORK UNDER OWP OBJECTIVE 2.1.17 AND THAT RESOURCE CONSENTS CRC980301, 980302, AND 980303 ARE RELINQUISHED.**

Meeting closed: 7:52 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 3 December 2020

Signed



Date

3/12/2020