

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 164<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND  
GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME NEW  
ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 AT 12.00PM**

**Present**

Murray Ferris, Lindsay Lyons, Laurance Tamati, Sandy Bull, Steve Scragg, David Woolner, Neal Hawes, Ken Coombes, Annaka Davis, Alan Baird, Barry Roderick, and Peter Storey (departed 2.50pm).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Andy Garrick, Kate Thompson, John Meikle, Matt McDougall, Eben Herbert, Anthony van Dorp, Carmel Veitch, and Matt Osborne (Eastern Fish & Game); Ray Dunlop (Taupo); Ken Raureti (Bay Of Plenty Conservation Board, departed 2.40pm); Peter Shepherd (Department of Conservation, Taupo, arrived 12.15pm).

**1.0 WELCOME**

Cr Murray Ferris opened the meeting at 12.00pm and welcomed Councillors, staff, and visitors.

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

2.1 Apologies were received from Helen Neale (Department of Conservation); and Ray Bushell.

2.2 *Agreed (Sandy Bull/David Woolner) that the apologies for the 164th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [17/06/2.2]*

**3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (6 APRIL 2017)**

3.1 *Agreed (Ken Coombes/Laurance Tamati) that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [17/06/3.1]*

**4.0 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY**

4.1 There were no items for inclusion in Council policy.

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING**

5.1 Cr Annaka Davis requested an update on item 13.3 relating to notification of aerial 1080 operations. Andy Garrick advised that he had since met with Phillip Dawson the North Island Operation Extensions Officer for OSPRI and a representative from the Public Health Unit (Braden Leonard) to discuss ways of improving communications with our stakeholders and the wider public, and potential impacts on human health from consuming trout that have recently ingested toxic pellets. He felt the meeting was productive with OSPRI acknowledging that there was room for improvement in their notification process. Andy promoted the idea of a common website for all agencies undertaking aerial 1080 operations which Phillip agreed would be great in an ideal world, but not a realistic option as the various agencies using 1080 would not want their operations to be 'tainted' by, or seen to be linked to other parties' operations. He agreed however that OSPRI could or should incorporate a more up to date and informative notification system of operations it has planned as the Department of Conservation has done earlier this year. Andy noted this would mean

we could provide links to both OSPRI and DOC's webpages on our own website which would be a great improvement on what we're currently able to do.

- 5.2 Council went on to discuss the timing of drops, food safety and the need to ensure adequate safeguards were in place. Andy advised that while the position of other authorities (MPI, DOC and the Public Health Unit) is that a one week exclusion period for consuming trout following an aerial drop is sufficient to protect human health, the question remains whether a trout is safe to eat beyond this period if it has directly ingested one or more poison baits soon after they've found their way into a watercourse? Fish & Game had little success with related enquiries to MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries) as did Andy when he contacted the Public Health Unit who advised they typically accept what MPI advises them in relation to health risks. He raised this question with Phil Dawson who noted it would be good to get a definitive answer and risk assessment concerning this, and said he would investigate whether his organisation could fund the completion of the research which Cawthron had initiated in 2014. Timing of communications and advice well in advance of proposed operations was highlighted as a priority OSPRI needed to address.
- 5.3 Cr Sandy Bull commented on item 14.4 about the Motu River informing Council that a colleague had been catching very good numbers of rainbow trout in both the main stem and its tributaries.
- 5.4 Cr Annaka Davis asked if there had been any advancement on contributions for display items in the meeting room. Andy Garrick advised that we had been offered some old fishing reels but had not otherwise received any other offers.
- 5.5 Cr Murray Ferris welcomed Pete Shepherd (Department of Conservation), Ken Raureti (Bay of Plenty Conservation Board) and Ray Dunlop (Taupo) to the meeting.

## **6.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cr Alan Baird - Balloting of wetlands
- Cr Alan Baird - Report on game season restrictions in Reporoa area
- Cr Peter Storey - Rangitaiki River access

## **7.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER**

- 7.1 No conflicts of interest were identified.

## **8.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2017-2018 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN**

- 8.1 Andy Garrick noted that Council had expressed an interest at this time last year in reducing the number of occasions on which it was being asked to review and endorse drafts of the OWP prior to it being presented to Council for its final approval. Andy had given this further consideration but had come to the conclusion that we couldn't depart significantly from the process we currently followed. Projects and priorities need to be reviewed in February; our preliminary budgets and contestable fund bids approved in April prior to going to other managers and the NZ Council; and revised budgets incorporating the outcomes of the latter plus proposed staff hours in June prior to circulation to other parties. Andy noted that staff had endeavoured to reduce the time Councillors needed to put into the April and June reviews by highlighting the principal changes made to the draft document on each occasion so Council could focus on these rather than having to review the entire document from scratch. Andy advised that all contestable funding bids submitted in April had been approved and that these

had been incorporated into the current draft. Andy highlighted the key changes which had been made to the plan.

8.2 ***Agreed (Barry Roderick/Lindsay Lyons) that Council received the latest draft budget and confirmed that this could now be circulated to interested parties for comment. [17/6/8.2]***

8.3 Andy Garrick advised that any submissions received on the draft would be circulated to Council prior to the August meeting when final approval of the OWP would be sought from Council.

#### 9.0 **2017-2018 LICENCE FEES**

9.1 The 2017-2018 Licence Fee proposal from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council was discussed briefly and accepted.

9.2 ***Agreed (Steve Scragg/Alan Baird) that the Eastern Council support the NZ Council's recommendation of a 2017/18 adult whole season sports fish licence of \$127 and an adult whole season game licence of \$94 (inclusive of a \$3 fee for the Game Bird habitat stamp) inclusive of GST. [17/06/9.2]***

9.3 Cr Annaka Davis queried the NZ Council's approved contestable funding bids and which of these had been deemed to be essential as opposed to recommended but not essential projects for 2017-18. Andy Garrick did not have this information on hand but undertook to provide Annaka with the details following the meeting.

#### 10.0 **BLACK SWAN**

10.1 Andy Garrick briefed Council on the letter from Greg Corbett, Bay of Plenty Regional Council requesting Fish & Game's assistance in managing swan populations to reduce grazing and disturbance to eelgrass beds in the Tauranga and Ohiwa harbours. He said the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and Waikato University researchers had also expressed concerns in relation to potential impacts of swan on eelgrass. Andy reminded Council of the resolution made in 2013 in response to negative publicity surrounding previous shoots in which it was decided that permits to disturb swan on the Tauranga harbour would not be issued until a management plan had been prepared. He commented on the aerial counts of swan on Tauranga harbour which had been undertaken over the past three years indicating that the resident population varied considerably at different times of the year, and noted that much more needed to be known about where they go, where they breed, and the number of birds that might need to be removed to have a positive effect on the sustainability of eelgrass impact if indeed this would have an effect at all. He said that better understanding of a number of matters was required before a management strategy could be prepared. Andy advised that the University of Waikato and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had indicated they may be able to commit resources towards answering these questions, and that a meeting was going to be convened with interested parties by the Tauranga based university staff to discuss these issues. Fish & Game would obviously be a part of this. In the meantime Andy sought reaffirmation from Council of its earlier intention not to issue permits to disturb swan on Tauranga Harbour until a management strategy had been prepared or information was presented which demonstrated there was an urgent need to reduce bird numbers.

10.2 Cr Annaka Davis queried the need for Fish & Game to be involved at all. Matt McDougall informed Council of pressure from a number of different groups to reduce swan numbers. He noted that while staff accept that swan could contribute to the Zostera problem they were only a small part of it, and that we have responsibilities

- under the Sports Fish & Game Management Plan to limit the impact of game bird populations on other resources. Andy Garrick felt it was important to work with these agencies as more understanding of the nature of the issue was required by everyone before any action to reduce numbers could be taken.
- 10.3 Cr Barry Roderick and Lindsay Lyons attended the meeting held at the Western Bay of Plenty Fish & Game Club where Professor Chris Battershill from Waikato University was giving a talk and advised that he had acknowledged and thanked Matt McDougall for his input to that discussion and knowledge.
- 10.4 Cr Ken Coombes provided Council with a bit of history advising that in the mid to late fifties there was a big population of swan in Blue Gum By and that hunters were involved with dealing with them back then. He also queried the concern that had been expressed in relation to loss of seagrass beds in the Ohiwa harbour yet swan numbers there had only increased to 60 over the past ten years or so. Matt McDougall suggested the issue there may be more of a catchment related one as has been demonstrated elsewhere.
- 10.5 *Agreed (Ken Coombes/Peter Storey) that Council endorses the need to prepare a black swan strategy or strategies based on a more robust understanding than we currently have of the impact these birds have on Zostera beds in the Tauranga and Ohiwa harbours. [17/06/10.5]*
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- 11.0 **LAKE ROTOITI SPORTS FISHING REGULATIONS**
- 11.1 Prior to Matt Osborne's presentation for discussion on Lake Rotoiti regulations Andy Garrick advised the need for Council to make a resolution around the 2017-18 Anglers Notice. He reminded Council of the policy to review the Anglers Notice biennially unless a significant issue arose that needed to be dealt with in the interim years. Andy confirmed that no submissions had been received for the 2017-18 Anglers Notice.
- 11.2 *Agreed (Steve Scragg/Neal Hawes) that Council confirms that the status quo applies for the 2017-2018 Anglers Notice. [17/06/11.2]*
- 11.3 Matt Osborne opened the discussion on the Lake Rotoiti regulations with an overview/summary of the previous meeting's discussion on the Lake Tarawera regulations. The option to "open the lake all year" was raised as something that could be addressed now prior to a review of lakes Rotoiti and Okataina. Considerable discussion followed highlighting pros and cons of doing so. These ranged from increasing opportunity and licence revenue, to the significance of opening events, and the need to rest these lakes for a period. Ken Raureti spoke of the wairua and mauri of Tarawera and the need for the lake to recharge. Lifeforce, energy, wellness. Cr Peter Storey queried whether other lakes such as Rotorua should not be closed for a period also.
- 11.4 Matt Osborne asked Council whether it wished to further consider the option to amend the season for these lakes? Cr Murray Ferris felt that simplification of the regulations could occur without the need to change the season. Council undertook an informal vote which indicated that nine Councillors supported the status quo while the remaining three suggested this should be discussed again in February 2018 when the Anglers Notice is formally reviewed.

- 11.5 Matt Osborne proceeded with a power point presentation identifying issues and options for simplifying the Rotoiti regulations. One inconsistency identified was the fly fishing only zones at stream mouths where boats were unable to troll within 200 metres was not the case at the Ohau Channel delta where this restriction extended to 300 metres. Pete Shepherd from the Department of Conservation Taupo informed Council that the new Taupo fishery regulations had seen a change to 200 metres to better align with Fish & Game adding that navigation markers also applied to a distance of 200 metres.
- 11.6 Council discussed the option of removing the fly fishing only areas to allow spin fishing as well. Staff highlighted the trends seen in the Eastern licence holder database which had shown a gradual shift in the average licence holder age and little growth in the younger age groups. Staff member Lloyd Gledhill, who had on a number of occasions represented Fish & Game at the Auckland Boat show, said that the primary reason salt water anglers gave for not taking up trout fishing was because "the rules are too complicated". Council supported simplification of the regulations to provide increased opportunity for all anglers and to remove barriers to those new to or considering taking up the sport. A show of hands was called for to determine whether there was support for taking the proposal to remove fly fishing only areas forward for further discussion and wider consultation, and 11 Councillors indicated they were in favour of doing this while one abstained. Council acknowledged that the Anglers Notice consultation process was not particularly effective in obtaining the input of anglers that this change was intended for, and suggested that the proposal be included in the upcoming newsletter for wider feedback.
- 11.7 Council also supported the proposed change to reduce the exclusion zone at the Ohau Channel delta from 300 metres to 200 metres, and shifting the downstream boundary of the fly fishing only boundary to the vicinity of the State Highway 33 bridge, i.e. downstream from this point could be a fly/spin area.
- 11.8 Matt Osborne advised that the proposed changes which had been discussed would be included in the proposed changes to the 2018-19 Anglers Notice which would be put out for consultation next year.

## **12.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **12.1 Reports from other agencies**

#### *Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board*

Cr Annaka Davis had provided a comprehensive report which was included in the June Papers for Information. Andy Garrick noted that it was encouraging that the Conservation Board is now receiving reports from the Taupo fishery team which did not appear to have previously been the case.

#### *Department of Conservation, Taupo*

Pete Shepherd spoke on behalf of the Taupo fisheries team providing Council with some background to changes to be implemented from 1 July. He advised that this season had seen the introduction of an Anglers Notice and detailed some of the key changes relating to bag and size limits, fly fishing definitions, child definition, and licence categories. Cr David Woolner queried the effect the changes to bag and size are likely to have. Pete advised that data had been reviewed from trends over the past 30 plus years and with licence sales having reduced over this time by 50% also, angling pressure has likely to have been significantly reduced. Ultimately this meant that higher numbers of trout were competing for food sources. Kate Thompson asked whether the additional funds gained from the non-resident licence were to be ring

fenced for a particular purpose? Pete confirmed that the additional revenue gained from the non-resident licence was to be utilised for research, particularly into pressures on the fishery generated by international anglers. Cr Annaka Davis added that fishing at Taupo fishing had been incredible lately. Pete Shepherd closed by thanking Andy and his team for their support.

#### *Bay of Plenty Conservation Board*

Ken Raureti advised that 1080 had been a hot topic for the Board and that the Department of Conservation position was that this is still the most effective tool they have to control certain pests. Myrtle rust was a high priority currently with it now having been identified in the Bay of Plenty. Seeds of kanuka and manuka had been collected from Tarawera and sent to Massey University to be held in the seed bank maintained there. Stewardship and custodial lands remain an issue for DOC because though they have conservation value the Department has insufficient resources to manage all of them.

*At this point Item 12.2 Report from the NZ Council was put on hold to enable the General Business item relating to the Rangitaiki River fishery to be brought forward due to interested parties needing to leave the meeting early.*

### **13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Cr Peter Storey spoke of his concern that Fish & Game is seen by some to be sitting on the Rangitaiki access issue and he would like to see Council move on it. He believed the highly restrictive access was costing the region in licence sales and felt that there was a real risk that access could be lost altogether.
- 13.2 Anthony van Dorp provided Council with some background and history relating to this. Prior to 2008 or 2009 when Kaingaroa was classed as public land, access was readily available subject to conditions set by the forest managers. Access was available through the forest via an easement on Kiorenui Road, foot access was available without a permit, and there was another access point off State Highway 5 at Lochinver Station. He noted that access then was only closed when fire risk was extreme.
- 13.3 Following the Central North Island settlement, Timberlands changed the rules around access to weekends, public holidays, daylight hours, and periods when there is low fire risk. This was in response to a spate of fires, and Health and Safety risks arising from the greater use of stem trucks in addition to the change in management. At the time of the settlement promises were made by politicians that access would not change and as a result Fish & Game did not pursue additional access easements. In years when the fire risk is low, Timberlands have opened access in April and extended this to November giving 5-7 months opportunity to access both Kaingaroa and Waimangu forests, but in other years access has been more restricted. Anthony advised that approaches to Timberland on improving access have never let up, and discussions have included undertakings to provide Health & Safety inductions, obtain liability insurance cover for licence holders, soften the fire risk related restriction from low risk to moderate fire risk, and extending the Kiorenui easement to Flaxy Lake.
- 13.4 Anthony advised that now that Kaingaroa is privately owned land, Fish & Game needs to go through a process of negotiating access for licence holders with the landowners. He advised that Fish & Game is still actively pursuing better access for licence holders and that the key to this is relationship building. Anthony added that he didn't believe that winter access would be lost as there is an obligation on Timberlands through the

forest stewardship certification they hold. He made the point to Council that the iwi owners are no less affected by these restrictions. Pig hunters require a permit and he highlighted the inequality that would arise should anglers be given greater access rights than owners.

- 13.5 Cr Sandy Bull queried the number of complaints from anglers wanting access. Anthony advised that there were quite a few complaints in the early stages of the changes being implemented particularly when access to the summer dry fly fishing was effectively removed. He said that a few queries still come through during the summer which staff deal with by informing the anglers of the situation and suggesting alternative access options. Detailed information is also available on the Fish & Game website.
- 13.6 Ken Raureti, a member of the CNI Access Committee, advised that Timberlands are effectively tenants on this land and that with this they have the rights of tenants. He felt that it was unfortunate that the public perception appears to be that iwi had been responsible for the restrictions put in place. As landowners iwi also want access for hunter/gathering but are subject to similar restraints. Some progress has been made in gaining access to other areas but the restrictions remain in Kaingaroa.
- 13.7 Cr Peter Storey asked whether CNI will one day own the forest. Ken advised that Timberlands hold a lease which currently expires in 2044, but with each new planting requiring a 25 year lease period this expiry date is constantly moving further into the future. Iwi currently hold a 2.25% stake but this was at a substantial cost and the cost of acquiring a 100% share would be totally prohibitive.

#### **14.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS CONT....**

##### **14.1 Report from the New Zealand Council**

Cr Lindsay Lyons updated Council on progress with the CEO position and advised that interviews were to take place next week, and that the successful applicant would be supported by Bryce Johnson in an advisory role. The new CEO would commence in late July/early August and would work alongside Bryce for a period. The key competencies the NZ Council was looking for were being an effective advocate, bringing Fish & Game together, and being an effective manager of staff and the business. Other matters Lindsay discussed were:

- The conflict of interest process adopted by Eastern Council was now being utilised by the NZ Council.
- Concern had been raised over plastic wads in the environment and there was an intention to investigate biodegradable alternatives.
- The New Zealand Council has an audit responsibility and would be looking to form an Audit Committee.
- The Governance Forum is scheduled for next year and a key component will be future proofing Fish & Game.
- Didymo research and Didymo's absence from the North Island, volcanic activity and high levels of dissolved phosphorus being thought to be the reason why.
- Otago Fish & Game had been granted legal funds to look at the use of mining rights to irrigate land.
- Mounting concern about the effects of intensive tourism in NZ.

**15.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

15.1 Operational reports were received.

15.2 *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Sandy Bull) that Council receives the Management, Health and Safety, Finance, and Licence Sales reports and approves the payments for March and April totalling \$244,862.33. [17/06/15.2]*

**16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS CONT....**

16.1 Cr Barry Roderick requested that a discussion on the outcomes of the area in Reporoa subject to season length and bag limit restrictions be postponed until data was available and Council supported this.

16.2 Cr Alan Baird wished to query whether hunters were using children to access more opportunities within the ballot system. Matt McDougall advised that this had occurred in the past and that the under twelves holding a child licence were no longer eligible as they were required to be accompanied by an adult. The system did however allow for juniors to apply for a ballot as they were legally entitled to hunt on their own.

**17.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

17.1 *Agreed (Steve Scragg/Barry Roderick) that pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded at 2.55pm from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely a discussion on the Eastern Fish and Game Council's self appraisal of its performance. [17/06/17.1]*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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Information provided in confidence	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

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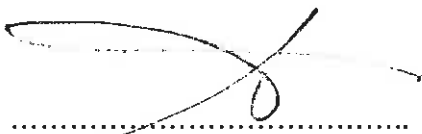
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**17.2** *Agreed (Steve Scragg/Barry Roderick) that the public be re-admitted to the meeting at 3.31pm. [16/12/17.2]*

**18.0 MEETING CLOSED**

18.1 The meeting was closed at 3.32pm.



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**Murray Ferris,**  
**Chairman**

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**Date**

## SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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