CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 195th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2022 AT 1.00PM

Present

Crs Ngahi Bidois, Murray Ferris, Debbie Oakley, Geoff Thomas, Lindsay Lyons, Scott Nicol, Mike Jarvie, Alan Simmons, and Mark Sceats.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Kate Thompson, Matthew Osborne (Eastern Fish & Game); Sara Carley (Bay of Plenty Conservation Board); Nigel Juby (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council Chair); Barry Roderick.

1.0 WELCOME AND KARAKIA

- 1.1 Cr Ngahi Bidois (Chair) opened the meeting at 12.50pm informing those present that they would shortly be joined by Sara Carley from the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and Nigel Juby Chair of the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council.
- 2.0 Andy Garrick reminded Council of its request for the meeting to be recorded to enable the accuracy of the draft minutes to be verified should a member(s) of Council have issues with these. Kate Thompson would do this, and as agreed at Council's previous meeting the recording would be deleted once the minutes had been confirmed as being true and correct. Council confirmed it remained in favour of this process.

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- 3.1 Apologies were received from Crs Ken Coombes and Jay Tapsell. Cr Ngahi Bidois also informed the meeting of his need to leave at 3pm.
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- 5.0 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY
- 5.1 No items were identified for inclusion in Council policy.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Cr Mark Sceats wished to confirm that the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement funds that were identified as being placed on call temporarily had in fact been reinvested. Kate Thompson confirmed that yes, these funds had since been placed on term deposit with the investment rates having improved since the prior discussion.

7.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Murray Ferris Council vacancy
- Cr Murray Ferris Formalising Andy Garrick's transition role
- Andy Garrick
 Arms regulations reforms
- Andy Garrick Lake McLaren
- Cr Debbie Oakley Structure of Fish & Game

8.0 The Chair welcomed Nigel Juby and Sara Carley to the meeting at 1pm.

9.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

9.1 Councillors were asked to inform the chair of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were recorded.

10.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- 10.1 *Health and Safety Report* Cr Mike Jarvie wished to know whether staff were trained in the use of EpiPens. Andy Garrick advised staff had received instruction at our First Aid Refresher course last year.
- 10.2 Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that Council receives the Health and Safety report. [22/04/10.2]
- 10.3 *Finance Report* Cr Ngahi Bidois asked about the vehicle fleet and whether we were aware of the discounts that were to be applied to the road user charges for diesel vehicles. Andy Garrick confirmed that yes, we were aware, but he believed it was yet to be announced when these discounts were to be made available.
- 10.4 Prior to approval of the finance report and payments Kate Thompson pointed out an error on page 20 of the agenda advising that the amount needing to be approved was in fact \$400,075.73 not the \$322,835.84 reported which had transferred from a prior report in error.
- 10.5 Agreed (Murray Ferris/Mark Sceats) that Council receives the Finance Report and approves payments for January and February 2022 totalling \$400,075.73. [22/04/10.5]
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- Management Report Cr Alan Simmons queried whether there was any movement on 10.7 restoring access to the Rangitaiki River? Andy Garrick advised that there had been no significant progress in relation to this despite ongoing efforts to negotiate this. Alan also asked what the cause of the ongoing pollution in the river was. Andy advised we believed there were several sources but the most recent we had identified appeared to be coming from the Lake Poerua catchment on Lochinver Station. He noted that land management activities around the lake had changed with new ownership, but algal blooms still appeared to be occurring there. Last year the visibility within the upper Rangitaiki was good enough to enable it to be drift dived, but that was not the case this year. In addition to impacts arising from land management within the catchment warmer temperatures and other climatic effects are likely to be having an influence. He noted that staff continue to relay our observations and concerns to Regional Council and it's our understanding that they have a land management officer whose role includes monitoring the upper Rangitaiki and liaising with landowners. This is something we will be following up on again as its recently become apparent that water quality is once again an issue this year.
- 10.8 Cr Scott Nicol queried Contact Energy's consent allowing discharge of water with contaminants into the Waikato River until 2026 and whether this was something Fish & Game was looking into. Andy Garrick advised that many consents such as this are locked in so there is no opportunity to review at this point, but Fish & Game did not believe the impacts resulting from this consent were more than minor.

- 10.9 Licence Sales Report Cr Lindsay Lyons wished to highlight increased costs associated with our boat fishery with inflation and particularly increases to the price of fuel making it so much more expensive for the family boating holiday. Lindsay suggested marketing other options such as kayak and jet ski fishing utilising free marketing opportunities through the likes of NZ Tourism or Rotorua Tourism. He felt strongly that this was something we needed to move on now to offset likely reductions to sales resulting from increasing costs.
- 10.10 Barry Roderick advised that recent visits by himself and Cr Ngahi Bidois to two of our local agents to show Council's appreciation of the support they provide to Fish & Game were well received.
- 10.11 Barry noted that Eastern Region's licence sales had been impacted by the lockdowns of late last year, particularly by the Auckland market, and queried Nigel Juby on how the Auckland/Waikato fish licence sales were tracking. Nigel understood from the most recent report he had seen that their fish licence sales were down by approximately 17% but with their sales over the years remaining relatively flat he anticipated that this was likely a one off due to recent events and covid lockdowns. He said that they were more concerned over the lack of water in the region with the upcoming Game Bird hunting season from which in the order of 55% of their revenue is derived. Barry felt that other pastimes competing for time was a key issue in the Eastern Region with young people looking for action sports such as mountain biking. Nigel believed that there was a big difference between boat and river fishing. He felt that back country river fishing had become more fashionable, particularly the likes of the Whakapapa River which had seen a tenfold increase in angler use over the last 20 years.
- 10.12 Cr Murray Ferris commented on the number of boat trailers at recent saltwater fishing competitions in Gisborne, and while he agreed that some people were concerned about increased fuel costs there were a lot that were not, and maybe we needed to market freshwater fishing to these more affluent groups.
- 10.13 Cr Geoff Thomas commented on the amount of fuel tax being collected from boat owners, and with recent reductions to fuel and RUCs for road users suggested there was an opportunity to raise this concern at a national level.
- 10.14 Cr Mike Jarvie understood that some diesel boat users were already able to claim rebates, and felt that marketing river fisheries to the younger generation might have more appeal to them than sitting on a boat for many hours jigging or trolling.
- 10.15 Cr Ngahi Bidois summarised the suggestions put forward and asked for closing comments.
- 10.16 Cr Alan Simmons believed the Rangitaiki was a draw card for this region in the 80s and 90s and improved access to it would increase the number of anglers river fishing in the region. Andy Garrick acknowledged the frustration around the access restrictions we now have, but noted that Fish & Game has been doing what it can, and while we haven't been able to restore what was once avilable, we had cleared and opened up a number of smaller sections along the river and were close to completing a new access track on the Whirinaki River funded from a successful contestable fund application last year.

11.0 2022-23 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

11.1 Andy informed Council of where we were at in the Operational Work Planning process having produced a balanced budget and a number of contestable funding bids which

- were due to be considered by the regional managers' collective and the New Zealand Council at meetings scheduled at the end of April.
- 11.2 Andy highlighted two sections of the work plan that were yet to be confirmed being the resourcing of the work plan i.e. funding and the R3 Programme and business development roadmap which Andy was hoping to be able to make progress on this year. Andy advised that he was due to meet with Steve Doughty from the National Office of Fish & Game shortly to work through a proposal with him.
- 11.3 Andy also distributed a copy of one final funding bid we had developed and submitted to the NZC which had been accidentally excluded from Council's Papers for Information. This was concerned with seeking \$10,000 from our general reserve to offset increased fuel costs.
- 11.4 Another item Andy commented on was a bid we had prepared for \$5,000 from our non-resident levy reserve to acquire an interest in an echo sounding transceiver which is part of the acoustic smelt monitoring gear we deploy on Lake Tarawera. He advised that we have since withdrawn this bid due to NIWA recently advising it no longer intended disposing of the transceiver. We will however still be able to access it at a minimal rate in conjunction with the DOC Taupo fishery team.
- 11.5 Andy informed Council that the staff hours allocated to the OWP projects had yet to be updated but this would be done prior to Council's next meeting.
- 11.6 Cr Debbie Oakley suggested that there were areas in our work plan that we could look at to reduce/offset costs, and queried whether it's appropriate that we provide assistance to landowners at no cost where the benefit is likely for the landowner rather than the general public. Andy agreed that may be appropriate if it was just a shooting possie that we were providing assistance with, but noted that we endeavour to provide advice wherever we can on how to create productive waterfowl habitat that boosts and benefits populations more widely. He added that most development and management work in wetlands is currently on hold as a consequence of the revisions made to the National Environment Standards for Freshwater in late 2020, and until some of the constraints that have been unintentionally imposed by this are revisited there is not much to be gained by directing a lot of effort into liaising with landowners.
- 11.7 Debbie provided another example of cost saving opportunities e.g. Fish & Game collaborating with other groups in resource management and planning projects which the general public is benefiting from, clean water being one. Andy noted that we do endeavour to collaborate with other groups such as Forest & Bird, the Environmental Defence Society, and Greenpeace (to a lesser extent) wherever we can, and we'd be very keen to see DOC back in these forums and work with them if they had the funding and the will to do so.
- 11.8 Cr Ngahi Bidois clarified that what Debbie was keen to see was looking outside the square for opportunities to share/recover costs and to gain support from other organisations.
- 11.9 Agreed (Murray Ferris/Geoff Thomas) that Council approves the draft Operational Work Plan for the 2022-2023 year and the accompanying contestable funding bids and proposals to draw down some of Eastern's reserve funds, and had noted the amendments Andy Garrick had outlined. [22/04/11.9]

12.0 WAIKAREMOANA SPORTS FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

12.1 Andy Garrick summarised the proposed applications staff were making for funding from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund. These included an application for \$8,000 to offset staff time and expenses associated with the monitoring.

access and buoy related work at Waikaremoana, and an additional \$2,400 to replace the portable handheld oxygen and temperature meter for use in the Waikaremoana and Wairoa catchments. The latter would also be beneficial for use in other lakes and waterways within the region as well.

12.2 Agreed (Scott Nicol/Geoff Thomas) that Council approves funding of up to \$10,400 from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund as submitted. [22/04/12.2]

13.0 ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW

- 13.1 Council discussed the proposal to permit the use of all 'soft baits' (scented and unscented) within Eastern Region's lure fishing waters. Andy Garrick advised that the proposal had been out for public consultation and had not received direct opposition. Some submitters had supported the proposal and others had no firm position either way.
- 13.2 Cr Murray Ferris commented on discussions at the previous Council meeting where it was noted that it is very difficult to tell the difference between scented and unscented on the water and Council's goal was to keep regulations at a manageable level.
- 13.3 Agreed (Geoff Thomas/Mike Jarvie) that Council supports the change to the regulations to permit the use of scented soft baits in all lure (fly/spin) fishing waters. [22/04/13.3]
- 13.4 Cr Scott Nicol supported the use of scented soft baits but had concerns about the use of plastic in both freshwater and saltwater angling environments. He acknowledged however, that currently there were no biodegradable alternatives.
- 13.5 Andy advised that the other item for consideration was an additional submission on the ban on treble hooks which he noted had been discussed at Council's February meeting and been confirmed as a First Schedule regulation and programmed for consideration by Fish & Game nationally in due course.
- 13.6 Cr Debbie Oakley invited Nigel Juby to comment on the use of treble hooks as she was aware his Council had been discussing this also. Nigel advised that their Council agreed that this was a matter that needed to be addressed at a national level. He said that Adam Daniel had written a good paper which summarised all of the evidence that he could find which had shown that there was no demonstrable harm from using treble hooks.
- 13.7 Matt Osborne advised that we had also investigated the pros and cons of treble hooks several years ago which came to a similar conclusion. Matt added that within our region many anglers choose not to use them which is supported by our interactions with anglers through surveys.

14.0 Species Monitoring Reports

14.1 Council received the summaries for the 2021 Rotorua Lakes Opening Day Creel Survey report and the 2022 Paradise Shelduck and Black Swan Trend Count report.

15.0 LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS

15.1 Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

Cr Ngahi Bidois welcomed Sara Carley to the meeting. Sara introduced herself to the meeting providing a brief summary of her role and background. Sara commented briefly on:

- the approval of their workplan to June 2023 and their primary priorities;
- Jobs for Nature reports provided to them by DOC;

- concessions under consideration or recently approved. Sara queried consultation with Fish & Game on concessions impacting on Fish & Game interests;
- issues which had delayed the approval of the CMS;
- reclassification of stewardship land and current advocacy work on several priority areas in the Bay of Plenty needing enhanced protection;
- recent meeting with the New Zealand Conservation Authority;
- concerns about wallaby in the region.
- 15.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons asked if Sara had any information on the intrusion of weka within the region and the impact they were having on Fish & Game resources. Sara was not aware, but suggested talking to DOC or that she could provide feedback through the Board. Barry Roderick's personal observations were that weka appeared to have migrated from the east to the west in the Bay of Plenty and he had seen pukeko numbers drop significantly as they were also falling prey to weka. Nigel Juby suggested that it would be worth liaising with Dean Kelly (Fish & Game Manager West Coast) on the impact weka might be having as they have plenty of weka and ducks in their patch.
- 15.3 Cr Murray Ferris asked whether it was possible to have a copy of the Board's report provided for this Council's Papers for Information as there may be mutual items of interest that Fish & Game could contribute to. Sara confirmed that she would see if this can be done.
- 15.4 Andy Garrick thanked Sara for her report and added, for the Conservation Board's information, that Fish & Game nationally was lodging a submission on the stewardship streamlining process out for consultation. He said that one of the points that we'll be putting forward is that "conservation purposes" should not solely be defined as being concerned with the recognition and protection of biodiversity values, but should also include areas holding recreational values as provided for in the Conservation Act, and/or provision for public access to adjoining areas with such values. Another point we would be making is that stewardship land should not be disposed or sold off for the principal purpose of reducing costs or generating income for the Department at this point in time as once gone its likely to be gone for good.
- Andy also commented that DOC was once strong on statutory advocacy and attended consultative meetings, lodged submissions, attended mediation sessions and hearings right through to Environment Court proceedings concerned with local and regional plan changes and other activities affecting species and habitats protected under the Conservation and Wildlife Acts. He said that sadly a decision was made some years ago to stand back from these statutory functions and we very rarely see a DOC person presenting submissions or evidence in these forums. We'd very much like to see the Department re-engage in these processes, Fish & Game needs that support as our resources too are very limited and it's one of our biggest external costs. He said that NZ has massive things on the horizon around the protection of freshwater and we really need DOC to be there and part of it.
- 15.6 Cr Alan Simmons also commented on DOC's absence in recent years and queried why this Council no longer had an appointee on the Conservation Board. Andy Garrick could not answer this but noted that the members of Conservation Boards were Ministerial appointments.

15.7 Report from the New Zealand Council

Cr Debbie Oakley advised that they had a meeting coming up and there had been a lot going on in the background including:

- subcommittees had been set up for non-resident anglers in pressure sensitive waters, communications and branding, and the remuneration review;
- the strategic pay review has been completed and a summary will be presented to the regional managers and the New Zealand Council at the April meeting;
- progress has been made with the search for a new CE with SWR in Wellington (Tony Walsh);
- a police working group is to be established to work on a gun registry. There is likely to be a registry whether our licence holders agree with it or not and despite this we have been asked to be on the working group. It's best to be there to have a say and there have been a couple of nominations put forward;
- the New Zealand Council is working towards corporate policies. Sub committees are to be established at the April meeting for strategic planning, risk management and financial planning;
- the April meeting will be with NZC, regional managers and chairs, and will include some governance training.
- 15.8 Cr Lindsay Lyons asked about the availability of a paper which been produced by Jack Kos on sensitive fisheries. Debbie confirmed the paper was the same information produced some time ago when Lindsay was on the NZC and advised that the Otago Region had also produced a report on non-residents and pressure sensitive fisheries. She advised that the information should be on the website but suggested Lindsay get back to her if he couldn't locate it.

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 16.1 Cr Murray Ferris asked Council to consider Adam Rayner for the current vacancy on Council resulting from Kevin Coutts' resignation taking into consideration the circumstance of Adam intending to stand this time around. Murray asked that this be incorporated as an agenda item for the next meeting, adding that it would be great to add another younger member to Council.
- 16.2 Cr Murray Ferris also wished to formalise an arrangement to be made with Andy Garrick for his assistance in the transition to a new manager. There were obviously projects underway that still required Andy's input and providing assistance to the new manager may require several hours each week initially. He advised that he had spoken with Andy who has kindly agreed to assist during this transition period. Council supported this proposal, and the terms of this arrangement would be discussed in the public excluded section at the end of today's meeting.
- 16.3 Andy Garrick raised the matter of arms regulations reforms, one current element of which relates to the transport of firearms which clearly has implications for many of our licence holders. Andy advised that Anthony van Dorp has been in direct contact with the Police who are engaged in running this process. Our submissions have resulted in some wins, but others have not been as successful. Other matters on the horizon include gun registration, and while Anthony was invited to be part of that he won't be directly involved, rather he has undertaken to co-ordinate a national submission from Fish & Game on shooting clubs and ranges and the proposed rules around those. The Police have put together a massively bureaucratic and unjustified set of regulations that will impose significant costs on clubs and ranges so its critical we get heavily involved in the review process. Andy invited any Councillors who have had a look at the proposed legislation and have any thoughts they'd like to share to get in touch with Anthony. Cr Mark Sceats understood that kids under 16 wouldn't be able to go to a range even if they were using a firearm under the direct control of a licenced adult.

- Andy advised we were aware of this and believed it made no sense whatsoever as club ranges were the perfect place to take a young person to learn safety and appropriate and proper use of a firearm. He said that this was one of many issues with the proposed legislation.
- 16.4 Cr Alan Simmons asked that he be kept informed around this as there was a bit of politics coming up on this.
- Andy informed Council of an upcoming promotion we were about to run at Lake McLaren involving the release of a number of trophy sized fish prior to Easter weekend. We would be publicising this with the aim not only of generating interest amongst existing anglers but to entice others to have a crack at it. We'll be promoting via social media which we have been using more regularly now that we have Eden Mutton on board to assist us with this. Cr Scott Nicol commented on the good work Eden had been doing in this area, and while follower numbers were still reasonably low he felt these would rise quickly once items got increased exposure on Facebook.
- 16.6 Cr Ngahi Bidois spoke to the item relating to the proposed restructure of Fish & Game and referred to the very brief consideration Council had been able to give to this at its February meeting. He reminded Council of the outcome of that discussion and his feedback to the NZC. Subsequent to that a draft of what was to be the Structure Review Team's final report had been received but Ngahi considered the timeframe proposed for consultation to be too short for Council to have a robust discussion around what had been proposed. He advised that the chairs of the three regions affected by the proposal to form an upper North Island 'mega' region (Northland, Auckland/Waikato and Eastern) had signed a letter to Ray Grubb outlining concerns over the timeframes and requesting an extension of three months to mid-June. David Hunt, Chair of the Review Team responded the deadline had been the end of March but he expected the process would go through until June 2022. On the basis of that Ngahi said he was surprised to receive an email the day before (5 April) enclosing the final report as that meant no opportunity to give proper consideration to the proposed three region merger.
- Nigel Juby, Chair of the Auckland/Waikato Council, understood that at the end of this month when regional chairs met in Wellington they would be providing an indication of their regional perspectives after which working groups would be set up within the regions to report back on how the amalgamations would happen. Nigel advised that he understood Northland to be against any merger at all and that though Auckland/Waikato didn't really want to merge with Northland it appreciated the view of the wider organisation that smaller regions needed to merge with their neighbour. Auckland/Waikato would be happy to merge with Northland provided all of the issues around funding were resolved prior to this proceeding and both parties were willing. His Council had essentially come to the same conclusions as the Eastern Council appeared to have and would have struggled to provide a response on the mega region option within the fortnight available to do so given the Review Team had not provided a full analysis of the financial implications of the proposed merger or any model to go by.
- 16.8 Cr Debbie Oakley wished to point out that as a member of the NZC the time frames they had for feedback were no greater than regional Councils had been given and the NZC had no input to setting those time frames. These had been set by the Implementation Steering Group which comprises two Fish & Game representatives and one DOC person. She also wished to make it known that Ray Grubb who is the Chair of that committee, is excluded from NZC meetings when the topic of regional structure of Fish and Game Councils is being discussed.

- 16.9 Cr Ngahi Bidois thanked Nigel for sharing his time with us and the email support he has provided.
- 16.10 Nigel said we are neighbours, and our regions work really well together at a management level on fishery, game bird and environmental planning related projects e.g. Waikato Regional Council's Healthy Rivers legislation. However, at a governance level we do it poorly, and he would personally like to see governors working more closely at that level on matters such as unification of regulations, and marketing.

17.0 Public Excluded Session

17.1 Agreed (Murray Ferris/Mike Jarvie) that pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded at 2.35 pm from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely to discuss progress on recruiting a replacement manager, interim arrangements, and assessment of a short listed candidate. [22/04/17.1]

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:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Recruitment process for a new manager and discussion re a potential candidate.	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 9 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:

ITEM	REASON UNDER ACT	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON
Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.
Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	Sec 9(2)(ba)(i)	Disclosing the information would jeopardise the relationship with the supplier because the supplier may no longer trust the Council to hold its information in confidence.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.

Note:

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

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- 18.0 MEETING CLOSED
- 18.1 The meeting closed at 3.33pm with a closing karakia by Cr Ngahi Bidois.

Ngahi Bidois

Chair

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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