

**MINUTES OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE GAME FARM ON TUESDAY 8 June 2021 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors Bates (Chairman), Niblett, Williams, Lumsden, MacKay, Bowcock, Elstone
(arrived 5.50pm), Hern.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Friedlander (Regional Manager), Sam Robinson (Governance Advisor), Christine Tuck,
Nick Page (HBF&G staff), Steve Perfect, Bob Spain, David Stoney

WELCOME:

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed Councillors, staff and members of the public
that the meeting would be audio-recorded.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Duley, Pinker and Nimon.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13 April 2021)

Cr. Bates apologised that he had not yet sent out a letter to councillors requesting all to either
attend meetings or submit their apologies as decided at the April meeting.

*3.1 That having previously been circulated to members, the minutes of the meeting of the
Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council held on the 13th April 2021 are a true and accurate
record. (21/06/3.1)* *Niblett/Bowcock*

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing Tabled.

5.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

The threshold management system for the setting of game season bag limits and season length
was discussed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The conflict of interest register was passed around and signed by all councillors present. No
conflicts were tabled.

12.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

That Council accepts the health and safety report (21/06/12.2) *Williams/Mackay*

7.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021/22 OWP

*7.1 That Council reviews the draft 2021-22 OWP and identifies amendments or
issues needing to be addressed prior to circulating the draft more widely.*

7.2 *That Council circulates a revised draft, with any amendment required to interested parties to comment on before final consideration and approval of the plan at the August meeting .(21/06/7.2)*

Lumsden/Niblett

8. 2021-2022 LICENCE FEES

General disagreement around increasing the licence fee every year. The general trend is decreasing sales of licences and so increasing the price is just propping up the shortfall.

That the proposed 2021-2022 season adult whole season sports fish licence fee of \$137 and adult whole season game licence fee of \$100 (inclusive of a \$4 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) inclusive of GST be accepted.

Not Carried

That the sports fish and game licence fees should remain at the 2020-21 prices until such time as the Fish and Game Review recommendations are finalised and actioned.(21/06/8.1)

Williams/Niblett

9. 2020-2021 ANGLERS NOTICE

Regarding access to Hawkston Lake, the sentence should read “To request access to the lake”.

That Council considers and approves the Anglers Notice for the 2021-2022 year with the above change noted.(21/06/9.1)

Hern/Lumsden

10. Eastern Letter re ‘Saturday-ising’ the Opening of the Fishing Season Request for Feedback

Discussion on implications for ranging.

‘Saturday-ising’ the opening of fishing season would mean that we could promote this as more of an event. This may lead to more congestion on the rivers. General agreement that the positives would outweigh the negatives.

9.1 That Council provides feedback to NZC in favour of ‘Saturday-ising’ the opening of fishing season. (21/06/9.1)

Hern/Mackay

11. LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

Discussion on meeting attendance of our NZC appointee.

That Council requests a written report from the NZC appointee within two weeks of each NZC meeting and ideally a verbal report at each HBF&GC meeting. (21/06/11.1)Mackay/Bowcock

12.1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

Jesse provided Council with an update on the issue of rubber jetboats on our upper rivers. Questions were asked on the quality of images counted from our initial mallard drone surveys. Image quality is very good.

13.2 FINANCE REPORT

13.1 That the payments for March and April 2021 totalling \$61,487.12 be approved.

13.2 That the Finance Report be accepted for the 2 months ended 30 April 2021. (21/06/13.1)

Hern/Niblett

Licence Sales Report

13.4 Council accepts the licence report (21/06/13.4)

Mackay/Elstone

As Ray Grubb and Brian Anderton will be attending at 7:30 to run a workshop on the F&G review implementation, it was decided that the public excluded session was not necessary and there was insufficient time.

Meeting Closes 18:35.



Bruce Bates Chairman

17-8-21

Date