

## North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Rooms at 3 Horatio Street, Christchurch, at 6:30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

### 1. Present:

Councillors: Martin Clements, Peter Robinson, Barry Cleghorn, Bob Stanton, Brian Smart, Serge Bonnafoux, Trevor Isitt, Peter Robinson, Paul Farrow.

Co-opted Members: Malcolm Gilbert, (Federated Farmers) Cavan O'Connell (Ngai Tahu).

Staff: Rod Cullinane, Steve Terry, Dirk Barr.

Public: Keith Gibbs, Ron Stuart.

### 2. Apologies:

Bruce Kelly, Steve McNeill.  
*Moved* Serge Bonnafoux, *Seconded* Trevor Isitt.  
*"That the apologies be accepted"* – passed.

### 3. Notification of General Business

Trevor Isitt – Pegging Date.  
Brian Smart – Newspaper Cutting.  
Serge Bonnafoux – Guides Licence.

### 4. Minutes

Amend page 5 of the meeting papers, No. 4 second paragraph to read "Martin Clements to organise a meeting with ECan Commissioner".  
Brian Smart was not present but noted as there.

*Moved* Peter Robinson, *Seconded* Serge Bonnafoux, that "the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, be confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting," – passed.

### 5. Matters Arising/Action Sheet

Page 5, No. 5, 7) re Tony to talk to ECan Commissioner re delays in response to emergency hotline – has Tony followed this up.  
Page 6, No. 7, b) (1221) Staff to work with Gamebird sub-committee to investigate future of Boggy Creek.  
Page 9, No. 5, Staff to look at the Boyle River following next significant fresh to assess salmon access.

### 6. Public Notification Session

- a) Keith Gibbs – Waimakariri River, why are there so many locked gates restricting access in the mid to lower reaches?

Trevor replied that he agrees and that Councillors are planning a meeting with ECan to discuss this issue.

- b) Keith Gibbs – What are TrustPower’s plans re the new canal from Coleridge. Martin replied this was stage three and not under consideration at present.
- c) Keith Gibbs – Not much has happened re Public Relations with hunters and anglers. Discussion re effort that goes into PR and example that only two members of the public present at the Council meeting, growing apathy amongst stakeholders. Discussion re the possible appointment of a South Island PR person in next financial year.
- d) Keith Gibbs – Are Council meeting minutes available for the public? Martin replied yes, however only after they have been approved at the following Council meeting and after any corrections have been made two months later.
- e) Ron Stuart – Summary of salmon catch in the Waimakariri River over the season with reliable counts from anglers of around 1,200 to date below SH1. This area becoming very popular and asks that Council look at promoting the concept of catch and release.
- f) Ron Stuart – Retiring as chairman of NZSAA and believes both the public and anglers’ perception of Fish & Game is average. Commended Peter Robinson’s Press article on pollution in the Waimakariri River. Paul Farrow commented that he had spent considerable time liaising with anglers on the Rakaia and agrees that additional effort is required to encourage catch and release. Dirk Barr added comments and agreed with need to promote this heavily. Martin noted that it had been a busy period for Fish & Game in recent times and asked that **staff look into options to promote catch and release and bring thoughts to Council in the future.**

## 7. Reports

- a) Chairman’s Report – Martin gave a verbal report highlighting meetings he has attended and issues he has dealt with since the February Council meeting. **Asked that Melanie be invited to the next Council meeting to thank her. Paul Farrow offered to contribute towards a gift and asked other councillors to see him if also keen.**
- a) Staff Report
  - (1181) **Gamebird Management.** Barry asked that Rangers be asked to supervise permits to shoot gamebirds outside the regulations. Peter Robinson asked for an update on the **Silverferns Waimakariri discharge**, Rod answered that ECan had indicated they would make all discharge water sampling results available, staff to look into these results to determine if there has been any breach in sampling/discharges.
  - (1213) Tony to look at consent wording for Amuri intake in relation to salmon entrapment.
  - (1211) Resource Consents, Tony to include a summary of Mainpower meetings in report to Council between Council meetings. Also SDC reported as two issues, Tony to clarify.
  - (1221) Rod gave an update on Montrose progress. Council asked staff to look into thanking Rusty for hatchery work.

(1212) Local Plans, CWMS, Tony to update Councillors on outcome of recent meeting. Peter Robinson asked if staff or Council should be responsible for any decisions, Martin replied it was a Council decision following staff reporting to Rod.  
(1232, 1233) Maimais & JMP, Staff to look at options to re-GPS all maimais.  
(1234) Botulism outbreak, has there been any investigation into the cause, Brian Ross to report back to Council.

- b) Financial Report - Rod Cullinane – Outlined that monthly accounts are still completed by CSI, Rod looking into coding etc. Discussion re Melanie's replacement. Now have electronic banking. Rod to check Paul Farrow's remote access. Councillors noted that the spreadsheet provided was a user friendly format for reporting the finances.
- d) NZ Council – Peter Robinson, Progress with Non-residents Licence while Guides Licence delayed by Minister. NZ Council looking for candidates for the Save the Rivers Trust, councillors to let Nelson Marlborough Chairman Chris Glenshaw know possible candidates.  
NZ Council support for South Island PR staff member following contestable funds application.
- e) Salmon and Trout Sub Committee – No meeting. Brian Smart asked if there had been any progress with Bruce Rule at Isaacs re prisoners cleaning raceways. Steve Terry to check.
- f) PR and Liaison – Paul Farrow, noted there was need for increased PR and thanked Keith & Ron for attending. Martin commented that two way communication was required and anglers and hunters needed to make more of an effort in this area.
- g) Compliance – Trevor Isitt & Brian Ross surveying Rangers re efforts and waiting for reply from some who have put in little effort recently. Rangers meeting before Gamebird Opening. Warrant renewed later this year only if CERT training completed. Discussion around the need for a standard letter to be sent to all ranger applicants as some applicants had not had any correspondence, need to increase efforts in a number of areas including access to a standard application form with a list of applicants waiting.
- h) Young Hunters – Bob Stanton, underway.
- i) Gamebirds – Not much since geese removed, feedback re: Tom Lanauze and Gamebird Club, need to liaise with him, need to organise another Gamebird sub-committee meeting.
- j) Fish in Schools – Schools have been contacted.

## 8. Meeting Business

### a) OWP & Budget

Rod outlined that the budget was at the same level as the current budget and reluctance to ask for new funding as NZ Council already topping up NC reserves in next year's budget. Contestable fund applications for KiwiSaver, joint purchase of DIDSON by CSI, Otago & Nth Canty F&G regions and cost of living. OWP to be

signed off at next meeting following Managers meeting re the budget and outcomes of hatchery business. **Need to change some pages of the budget to correct year.**

**b) Stockwater Raceway Electric Fishing**

**Steve Terry to write to Granville Holmes explaining reason why Council and staff do not recommend this project proceeding and explain that hatchery releases should cover his requests and these will be discussed at the upcoming Salmon & Trout sub-committee meeting.**

**c) Free Licences for Rangers**

Barry Cleghorn recommends Rangers receive mileage rather than a free licence. Trevor Isitt noted that this needs to be part of the review currently underway with input from Rangers.

**d) NZ Council Strategy of Goals**

Councillors to complete the survey on page 21 of the Council meeting papers and return to Peter.

**e) Salmon & Trout Mounting Quotes**

Steve Terry discussed requirement for a new trailer and additional expenses at Isaacs rather than replacing mounted Brown Trout. *Moved Serge Bonnafoux, Seconded Brain Smart that “staff purchase a new trailer and additional expenditure at Isaacs with earthquake insurance money,” – passed.*

**9. General Business**

Trevor Isitt – **Staff to send an email to Gamebird licence holders re pegging day date mix up.**

Brian Smart – Newspaper Cutting Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> re Goose Culls. This has damaged Fish & Game’s image. **Staff to check with ECan to see if there is a goose cull planned before Opening day and alert them to this issue expressing Fish & Games displeasure. Rod to ask Ross if he had been approached for this article.**

Serge Bonnafoux – Guides Licence, discussed earlier.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS, THE MEETING FINISHED AT 10pm**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Next Council Meeting 13 June 2012 dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 6.30pm**