

CONFIRMED MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

At the **NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING** on **19 May 2022** these minutes were **confirmed with the following changes:**

That in item 4.6 the resolution should read "That the verbal High Country Water and Wildlife Project report be accepted. Cr's Isitt and O'Keefe abstained.

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| Name: | NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING |
| Date: | Thursday, 3 February 2022 |
| Time: | 6:32 pm to 9:28 pm |
| Location: | NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH |
| Board Members: | DAVE COLL, ALAN STRONG (Chair), CHRIS BRANKIN, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT, DAVE BARRON |
| Attendees: | DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON |
| Apologies: | GRAEME NAHKIES |
| Guests/Notes: | Lyndon Slater, David Kirkness, Larry Burke, Colin Hewson, Tom Power, Joe Power, Brian Hutchinson |

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

Cr Strong welcomed and briefed everyone of individual covid-19 responsibilities during this meeting. He explained that all meetings will in future be run in accordance with council standing orders. He explained that R Gabriellsson would be attending each meeting in the capacity of staff advisor. Cr Strong asked the public to refrain from speaking until the public session.

R Gabriellsson gave the health and safety brief.

1.2 Karakia

1.3 Interests Register

No changes.

1.4 Confirm Minutes

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING 8 Dec 2021, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Confirmation of Minutes - 8 Dec 2021

That the minutes of the Council meeting dated 8 December 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconded: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved

Cr Musson stated he agreed to end of year Audited accounts after he had read them.

1.5 Action List

All actions were updated.

Discussion on availability and dates to attend the February 22 workshop. Consultation on all governance workshops dates required going forward.



February 2022 Governance Workshop

Cr Strong to confer with G Nahkies on availability on change of dates for Governance workshop. Workshop required to be completed by 5/6 March 22.

Due Date: 8 Feb 2022
Owner: ALAN STRONG

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 Wage Subsidy

Not enough information given for Council to decide on whether to keep the wage subsidy or or not.



Wage Subsidy

R Gabrielsson to provide further details and come back to Council with background calculations to enable a decision to be made.

Update - 19 May 2022 - R Gabrielsson is currently seeking input from NZC and other managers. Should be resolved by the end of the financial year.

Due Date: 21 Jul 2022
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

2.2 Setting Gamebird Regulation 22/23 Season

Referencing a Ngai Tahu thesis on collection cultural harvest, T Power spoke on behalf of the four farmers in attendance who were landowners adjacent to Lake Ellesmere. In summary, the farmers wanted dialogue with NCFG and Ngai Tahu regarding Ngai Tahu cultural harvest of swan eggs and NCFG permits to shoot versus daily bag limits. Asked if existing regulations be left for one year with NCFG completing their own research. They would be happy to have a nesting zone

In general discussion it was recognised there was a "data gap" in record keeping and that DoC should be consulted as well as the owners of the land. It was recognised that NCFG currently did not have the resources to complete all bird species trend counts.



Gamebird Regulations Changes for the 22/23 Season

That council approve the proposed changes for game bird season and harvest limits as defined below.

a. Council continues with the same bag limits and season length / closing weekend dates but amends current regulations for the 2022/23 season to:

- (1) allow for the harvest of 2 black swans a day for the regular gamebird season (7 May – 31 July 2022)
- (2) establish an exclusion zone around the known swan breeding colony at Kaituna Lagoon (in the SE corner of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere to provide a sanctuary and protection for nesting swans during the extend season (1-28 August 2022 in Area A.)
- (3) That the main gamebird season be set at 7 May – 31 July
- (4) That an extended season in Area B will allow for Paradise shelduck hunting from 1 Aug to 18 September.
- (5) That quail hunting be allowed from 7 May to 28 Aug
- (6) That the Cock pheasant hunting be allowed on three weekends, namely 4-5 June, 2-3 July, and 6-7 Aug
- (7) That Pukeko hunting be allowed 7 May to 25 Sept

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Second: DAVE BARRON
Outcome: Approved



GAMEBIRD REGULATIONS FOR 2022/23

Note 2 part of the original motion was removed and voted on separately

Part of Original Motion - allow for a harvest of 10 swans a day for a reduced extended season for the period 1-29 August 22 only (aligned with the end of the quail season)

Decision - That this Council reject the harvest of 10 swans per day and stay with the status quo of 20 per day for the extended swan hunting season (1-28 August 2022) in area A.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Second: DAVE BARRON
Outcome: Approved



GAMEBIRD REGULATIONS 2022/23 SEASON

Note 6 - amendment to note

Original Motion -That the Cock pheasant hunting be allowed on three weekends, namely 4-5 June, 2-3 July, and 6-7 Aug

Amendment - That the pheasant hunting season remain as last season being three concurrent weekends in a row rather than spreading over the season.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Second: RICHARD O'KEEFE

Outcome: Not Approved

3. FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Catch and Release of Sports Fish



Catch and Release of Sports Fish

After discussion it was decided that a mid season communication be sent to stakeholders outlining the proper way to complete a successful catch and release.

Due Date: 31 Mar 2022
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

4. STANDARD REPORTS

4.1 Chairman's Report



Chairmen report

Approved

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: CHRIS BRANKIN
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

4.2 CE Report

Confusion as to who wrote the CE /Staff Report and why Council Priorities were not included.

1. Waiau river diversion - submission has been put into ECan and waiting on response regarding 2 extra cumecs though the diversion -
2. R Gabrielsson explained that NCFG still the lease for the Whiskey Creek site and requires to be maintained
3. The relationship with Montrose was questioned. Owners not happy with how hatchery was left and it was agreed that this relationship required to be rebuilt.



CE Report

That the CE's and Staff report be accepted.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: KEN LLOYD
Outcome: Approved

4.3 Finance Report



Finance Report's - November and December 2021

That the finance report's for November and December 2021 be accepted.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: DAVE BARRON
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN

Outcome: Approved

4.4 Health and Safety Report

Discussion on the Health and Safety checklist for using the jet boat. R Gabrielson stated the safety protocols were being followed but required improvement.

A draft Health and Safety Policy would be available mid March 2022 for peer review. Discuss at Governance workshop.



Health and Safety Report

That the Health and Safety Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: CHRIS BRANKIN
Seconder: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved

4.5 NZC Report Verbal

Cr Coll advised there had been no meetings since last year. Next meeting via zoom on Fri 18 February 2022.

Advised that applications have been sought for new NZC CEO position.



NZC Verbal Report

That the verbal report by the NZC representative be confirmed.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Outcome: Approved

4.6 MFE Project Update Verbal

C Brankin stated there would be a fuller report at next Council meeting. Issues currently being worked through are what part of a 50 hectare parcel would be purchased which would determine the valuation for the land.



HCWWP Verbal Report

That the verbal High Country Water and Wildlife Project report be accepted.
Cr's Isitt and O'Rourke abstained.

Decision Date: 3 Feb 2022
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: KEN LLOYD
Outcome: Approved

4.7 Updates from Sub-Committees of Council Verbal

Defer updates of sub-committees to the Governance workshop.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 General Business

Fish in Irrigation Systems

Cr Isitt stated he had been interviewing farmer who confirm they have sports fish in their water ponds and was concerned about the amount of fry and salmon smolt being lost to irrigation systems. He stated there required to be a collaboration between Irrigation NZ, ECan and NCFG and CSI to get these fish back into the river systems. Cr Strong stated this subject was scheduled for the Governance workshop.

C Brankin was asked and stated he would find out who to approach at Ngai Tahu Farming to set up a trial of retrieval of fish from ponds.

Seen as a good opportunity to work with Federated Farmers, could be a good public relations story.

Farmers required to be approached to gather information on how many ponds that would be involved.

Council Communication Strategy

Discussed earlier in meeting.

Caps for Councillors

Councillors to liaise with D Ambler regarding councillor branded hats.

Sea Run Salmon Bag Limit Cards (SRSBLC)

Cr Musson reported issues among anglers with the SRSBLC. Biggest issue is most anglers do not carry their bag limit card with them. He suggested that a SRS Committee be formed between CSIFG and NCFG to discuss issues surrounding the bag limit card.

6. PUBLIC SESSION

6.1 Public Session

L Burke (NZSAA Chairman) stated he was in discussion with ECan regarding the trigger for irrigation flows on the Rakaia river and the current low river flows being experienced. He stated he got some action when posted these issues on NZSAA facebook page.

He talked briefly on the problem with the Waimakariri river temperature and spoke of the issues being caused by there being no river flow gauge at Rakaia gorge. He spoke on the issues currently being experienced with catch and release.

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____