

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Rob Roney (deputy chair), Jan Derks (via Microsoft Teams), Mark Smith, David Heine.

*In attendance:* Dean Kelly (Manager), Baylee Kersten (Officer, via Teams).

**APOLOGIES:**

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Andy Harris, Owen Smith, Dean Phibbs and Tim Shaw be accepted.**

Proposer: D Heine      Second: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

**AGENDA**

The Council agreed on the pre-circulated draft Agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were registered.

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

The accumulative action list was reviewed.

**MINUTES**

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the August 2020 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

8.1 NZ Council consultation regarding meeting dates

Motion proposed: **That the correspondence regarding NZ Council meeting dates be received.**

Proposer: D Heine      Second: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

8.2 NZ Council consultation regarding trout import prohibition order

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast region supports NZ Council recommendation 1 “to reassess Fish and Game’s opposition to trout farming based on further independent research” and in the interim supports recommendations 2 and 3 to confirm Fish and Game’s**

**opposition to trout farming and to reject and advocate against the importation of trout flesh.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

8.3 NZ Council commercial Salmon release policy.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast region agree with the policy in general terms but in the West coast region believes there must be provision for the commercial releases into open systems such as Lake lanthe where hatchery reared fish are being released into an open fishery with limited spawning and minimal potential to interfere with existing wild populations and where the release could benefit control of a pest fish issue (Rudd in this instance).**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

8.4 NZ Council non-resident levy directive

Motion proposed: **That the be NZ Council directive regarding distribution of the non-resident levy be received.**

Proposer: D Heine      Seconder: J Derks      Outcome: Carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The Manager informed the Council that early season licence sales are going well, being up on last year's poor early season sales and more in line with 2018/19 sales.

Motion proposed: **That the Financial Reports be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

**OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Officer Baylee Kersten presented the Investigation into the Mawheraiti and New River Fisheries report. Baylee answered some questions regarding pollution issues of New River and was thanked by the Council for an excellent report.

Motion proposed: **That the Investigation into the Mawheraiti and New River Fisheries be received, and the recommendations adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

The Council discussed the pre-circulated Operational Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Report be received.**

Proposer: M Smith      Seconder: J Derks      Outcome: Carried

**HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

Cr Smith enquired about the NZ Council review of regional Health and Safety management with the Manager providing some background to the report.

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety Report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

**STAFF MANUAL AND PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Motion proposed: **That the council reviewed and endorsed the current policy with minor grammatical changes.**

Proposer: R Roney      Second: J Derks      Outcome: Carried

**NZ COUNCIL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council Report be received.**

Proposer: R Roney      Second: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

**SPORTSFISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Council continued with the stepwise review of the Sportfish and Game Management Plan.

Meeting closed at 8:53pm.

Chair *A. B. Harris.* Date *8-12-2020.*