

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7:03pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney (Deputy Chair), Mark Smith, Dean Phibbs, Owen Smith.

*In attendance:* Tim Shaw (DoC representative), Dean Kelly (Manager and minute taker), Baylee Kersten (Officer),

**APOLOGIES:** Dave Heine and Jan Derks tendered apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Dave Heine and Jan Derks be accepted.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: O Smith      Outcome: Carried

**AGENDA**

The Council agreed on the pre-circulated Agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public requested an opportunity to speak.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

It was decided to continue progressing the 10yr plan to a draft stage and hold off on public/stakeholder consultation due to the proposed Amalgamations.

**MINUTES**

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

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: A Harris      Outcome: Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Licence Fee recommendations to regions – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the licence fee recommendation from the NZ Fish and Game Council is supported but the West Coast Fish and Game Council would like to state that the licence fee is getting high and we are concerned for lower income families and the impact of a high fee on their future participation in fishing and hunting.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Change Freeze – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council receive the correspondence from the NZ Council.**

Proposer: R Roney      Seconder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

Salmon Committee Disbanding – CSI Fish and Game

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast regions supports the CSI recommendation to disband the Committee and believe the issues are now best addressed operationally by the regions affected.**

Proposer: R Roney      Seconder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

'Saturday-ising' opening day of the fishing season – Eastern Fish and Game

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast region does not support the 'Saturday-ising' of the fishing season opening. It may suit select fisheries that can withstand high angling pressure, but many of the West Coasts sensitive fisheries could not handle the increase in pressure associated with promoting a particular opening weekend.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Seconder: A Harris      Outcome: Carried

Freshwater Litigation – Ngai Tahu

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game receive the correspondence from Ngai Tahu.**

Proposer: A Harris      Seconder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The Manager responded to queries regarding expenditure against Annual Reporting with Councillor Phibbs also noting that the West Coast regions licence sales have been particularly strong.

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

Proposer: M Smith      Seconder: O Smith      Outcome: Carried

**OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the Pukeko and Greylard Trend Count Reports, be received, and the recommendations be accepted.**

Proposer: A Harris      Seconder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

**HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

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

Proposer: R Roney      Seconder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

**2021/22 WORKPLAN**

The Manager presented the workshopped 2021/22 workplan for adoption noting that uncertainty regarding the structure and operation of the region associated with proposed Council mergers is clouding planning decision but considering timeframes for mergers we must continue as normal.

Motion proposed: **That the pre-circulated 2021/22 workplan be adopted.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: O Smith      Outcome: Carried

**ANGLERS NOTICE AND SEASON BAG LIMIT FOR SALMON**

Motion proposed: **That the Council endorse a minor change to the angling regulations to change the Salmon minimum size limit in South Westland lakes to 450mm for 2021/22 and remove the existing trout size limit with appropriate education and promotion. The Council also supports consultation with anglers regarding options for future Salmon management and regulation.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

**MINISTERIAL REVIEW**

Motion proposed: **That the council endorse the outcomes of the Council workshop held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and agrees to make these responses known to the NZ Council, the Implementation Group, and the Minister.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Chair..... *A. B. Harris.* Date *10-8-21*