

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023 AT THE GREYMOUTH RSA AT 7:00P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris, Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Owen Smith, Dave Heine, Sam Speight, Peter Bayliss, Ritchie White, William Wilson.

Via Microsoft Teams: Tim Shaw. Martin Taylor from 7.26pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Administrator), Baylee Kersten (Field Officer)

APOLOGIES: The Chair called for apologies.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Dean Phibbs and Martin Taylor be received.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

AGENDA

The Council agreed on the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public in attendance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None to declare at this meeting.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

Motion proposed: **That the Council form a sub-committee to review the submissions on the Sports Fish & Game Management Plan with the members being; Jan Derks, Rob Roney, Peter Bayliss, Sam Speight, Owen Smith and Andy Harris(chair).**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

The Council revised the dates for the Council Meeting Date review.

MINUTES

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

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

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

NZ Council Performance Management Policy.

The Council received and considered the correspondence from the NZC regarding Performance management policy.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Council responds to the NZC in support of the policy as drafted.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

N/M region correspondence 'Value of Gamebird licence fee'.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Council responds to the N/M Council and the NZ Council that the West Coast Fish and Game Region has a sustainable game bird population that is managed with the funding received and does not require an increase to the licence fee of the magnitude proposed. A survey of all licence-holders to attain their views on licence cost would be preferable to the opinions of the general public. The WC Council is unaware of the need of a non-resident game bird licence category in the West Coast Region.**

Proposer: P Bayliss & J Derks **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report.

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

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

William Wilson enquired about Okuru Hut use for contractors performing research and compliance activities in the area. The Council committed to reviewing the usage policy at its October meeting in an effort to accommodate this.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Operational Report.

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

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

SPORTSFISH SPAWNING SURVEYS

Motion proposed: **That the report be received and staff recommendations adopted with the Manager instructed to accrue funds for salmon releases when suitable stock are available for release.**

Proposer: S Speight **Seconded:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

SALMON MANAGEMENT REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the WC Council receives the report, and the staff recommendations are adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconded:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Health and Safety Report.

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

Proposer: A Harris **Seconded:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

COUNCIL ELECTIONS PAPER

The Council received and reviewed a paper regarding member numbers and sub-regions for the 2024 election.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Council reduces the size of Council to 9 elected members as per sCL81(h) of the Fish and Game Council Regulations and retain the existing 3 sub-regions with a minimum of one elected member elected to each sub-region.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconded:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

STAFF MANUAL AND PERSONNEL POLICIES

The Council received and reviewed the policy per the schedule.

Motion proposed: **That the Council approves the policy subject to the amendments raised at the meeting.**

Proposer: A Harris **Seconded:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

No NZ Council report was provided.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair..... *A. B. Harris* Date..... *10/10/23*

