



NATIONAL SEA RUN SALMON COMMITTEE

Inaugural meeting, Tuesday April 10, 2018
North Canterbury Fish and Game Office, Christchurch

MINUTES

Present:

Committee members: Martin Taylor (NZ Council), John Cumberpatch (North Canterbury F&GC), Matthew Hall (Central South Island F&GC), Rick Boyd (Otago F&GC), Bruce Erickson (West Coast F&GC), Paul Hodgson (NZ Salmon Anglers Association), Alan Brooks (South Canterbury Salmon Anglers Association).

Others present: Richie Cosgrove (Communications Officer NZ Council).

Welcome

1. **Interim Chairperson's introductory remarks** – Members introduce themselves to each other for the first time.
2. **Apologies:** Carey Cudby Nelson/Marlborough F&GC
3. **Identify Conflicts of Interest against items on this meeting's agenda** - see attached form.

Governance Structure

4. **Confirmation of membership of the committee as:**
5. Martin Taylor (NZ Council), John Cumberpatch (North Canterbury F&GC), Matthew Hall (Central South Island F&GC), Rick Boyd (Otago F&GC), Bruce Erickson (West Coast F&GC), Paul Hodgson (NZ Salmon Anglers Association), Alan Brooks (South Canterbury Salmon Anglers Association), Carey Cudby Nelson/Marlborough F&GC.
6. **Noted Committee operates as a Committee of the NZ Council.**
7. **Elect Chairperson**-Matthew Hall nominated by Bruce Erickson, Martin Taylor nominated by Matthew Hall and seconded by John Cumberpatch, discussion and vote held and Martin Taylor elected unanimously.
8. **Determine secretariat services required and how this is to be provided.** Agreed required a .25 FTE for committee support.
9. **Determine meeting schedule (at least two meetings per year)**-Discussion on demand, with at least two weeks' notice, to be held in Christchurch at North Canterbury Fish & Game Office. Refer to Regional Council and NZ Council meeting schedule to fit in around those meetings. Issue of alternates raised and decided against.

10. **Review the Terms of Reference of the Committee** refer paper below: *NZ Sea Run Salmon Committee terms of reference.*

Strategic Outcomes

11. **Discussion started on Strategic Outcomes.** Refer paper below: National Sea Run Salmon Committee - Strategic Outcomes 10 April 2018.

Work programme

12. **Prioritise recommendations from the Salmon Symposium** – Is required, Matthew said Jay Graybill was completing.
13. **Identify gaps in research and recommend where required** - Deferred to next meeting

Next Meeting

14. **Set time and place for next meeting.** - Four to six weeks at NCFG

Terms of Reference for a National Sea Run Salmon Committee

1. The name of the committee shall be the National Sea Run Salmon Committee.
2. The purpose of the committee is to develop and promote a co-ordinated approach within Fish and Game and key stakeholders to ways that will restore and enhance the sea run salmon fisheries in the interest of anglers.
3. The terms of reference for the committee are a living document and can be changed as agreed by the NZ Fish and Game Council.
4. The committee shall be a sub-committee of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council.
5. The committee has the ability to appoint any person required for advice, assistance and support.
6. The committee shall choose its' own Chairperson to be approved by the NZ Fish and Game Council.
7. The committee shall report to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council and shall be bound by the Governance Policies established of the Council.
8. The committee shall be funded from the National Budget as agreed by the NZ Fish and Game Council.
9. The committee shall for membership, draw on the voluntary contribution of governors within Fish and Game who have a special interest in the salmon and staff with expertise in matters relating to the salmon fishery.
10. The committee will advocate in the interests of the sea run salmon resource.
11. The committee recognises the Regional Fish and Game Councils have their statutory function to manage salmon.
12. The committee will seek the support of local and central government and other statutory entities in the ways they can support the welfare of sea run salmon resource.
13. The committee will prioritise the recommendations from the Salmon Symposium.
14. The committee will look at any gaps in the science relating to salmon and on a needs basis recommend the studies required.
15. The committee will Investigate ways to fund the work on the salmon fishery.
16. The Committee accepts that there are other stakeholders who financially and in some cases voluntarily contribute towards the welfare of the sea run salmon fishery. The National Sea Run Salmon Committee will support the work of these stakeholders where appropriate.
17. The committee will report on activities to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council and other stakeholders.

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Strategic Outcomes discussion

1. Committee: We believe we can affect the sea run salmon fishery.

2. Problem Definition:

The sea run salmon resource has declined and no longer supports a great fishery.

- No fish
- Declining numbers of salmon
- Rapid decline since 2000, gradual decline since 1980
- Decline of spawning stream productivity
- Poorly screened abstraction in stream
- Unacceptable decline of fish returning to rivers
- Decline of fish coming down rivers

3. Timeframe

The committee has set a goal of achieving its strategic outcomes in three cycles of three years.

4. Strategic Outcomes.

- a. Stop the decline.
- b. Improve the populations.
- c. Restore to acceptable levels self-sustaining wild fish spawning numbers.
- d. Establish an acceptable level of hatchery fish harvest.

A - Stop the Decline

Measurement: base line 2018 season on first five rivers

Possible Actions:

Fish Screen – establish what is an effective fish screens, enforceable standards, identify non-compliance and lay complaints, litigate test case.

Habitat – Protection of identified high country spawning streams (Glenairiffe), restoration of key sites, establish better flows for spawning runs, protect hatchery brood stock,

In the next meeting fill in the table below using information from each Fish and Game Council for the 2018 baseline. Then agree on the percentage change by 2021. Example in red.

River	Wild Fish Spawn	Wild F Harvest	Hatchery Fish Spawn (released)	Hatchery F Harvest	Total Harvest	Percentage Change From 2018 To 2021
Waimakariri 2018 2021	400 500	200 250	0 100,000	0 200	200 450	125%
Rakaia 2018 2021						
Rangitata 2018 2021						
Waitaki 2018 2021						
Clutha 2018 2021						

Additional Notes

- Keep the faith of the outcomes of the salmon symposium
- Better support/profile for salmon fishery
- Restore salmon runs to salmon management plan (wild vs hatchery)
- Improved knowledge base for whole of life cycle