

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Present: W Duley
K Field
L Koevoet

Callum McKenzie
Craig McKenzie

In Attendance:

S McKnight (CE), B Dolan (to 7: 25 pm), B Harper (FGO), and J Van Beers (FGO).

Steve McKnight, Chief Executive, called the meeting to order as specified in Standing Orders as this was the first meeting of the Council following a triennial Council election.

24-054 APOLOGIES:

A Simpson, V May and P Centofanti, J Henry (Ngai Tahu).

24-055 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

CE queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register; or considered that the business of today's meeting would give rise to any actual or perceived conflict with their interests? None were advised.

24-056 HEALTH & SAFETY:

CE pointed out exit points of the building and assembly point for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency. He further advised that Council will now receive a bi-monthly report on any health and safety incidents/updates.

24-057 ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

057.1 Election of Chair

Chief Executive called for nominations for the position of Chair.

A Simpson

- Nominated - L Koevoet/Craig McKenzie

(Note: Whilst A Simpson is an apology for this meeting L Koevoet and C McKenzie confirmed that A Simpson had advised of his willingness to be nominated for Chair).

No further nominations for Chairman were forthcoming. A Simpson was **declared** elected to the position of Chair unopposed.

057.2 Election of Deputy Chair

Chief Executive called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Craig McKenzie

- Nominated - L Koevoet/W Duley

No further nominations for Chair were forthcoming. Craig McKenzie was **declared** elected to the position of Chair unopposed and resumed the Chair.

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057.3 Election of NZ Fish and Game Council Appointee
Chair called for nominations for the position of NZC appointee.

L Koevoet - Nominated – Craig McKenzie/W Duley

No further nominations for NZC appointee were forthcoming. L Koevoet was **declared** elected to the position of NZC appointee unopposed.

057.4 Election of Executive Committee
Resolved (Callum McKenzie/W Duley)

24-042

THAT COUNCIL DISESTABLISH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADDRESS MATTERS OF URGENCY VIA ALTERNATIVE METHODS WHERE ALL COUNCILLORS ARE TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Rationale:

The Executive Committee has not been utilised by the CSI Council for many years as it has become Council's practice to address matters of urgency via zoom meetings and then ratify at the next meeting of council.

057.5 Salmon By-Catch Committee
Resolved (Koevoet/Duley)

24-043

THAT COUNCIL DISESTABLISH THE SALMON BY-CATCH COMMITTEE.

Rationale:

The Salmon By-Catch Committee has rarely been utilised for many years with low salmon numbers and vessels named in the Agreement no longer existing or fishing.

It was recognised that Council can re-establish Committees in the future if the need arises.

24-058 AUTHENTICATED AND SIGNED MINUTES–19th September 2024

In accordance with Standing Order 3.12.5 the minutes of the last meeting of Council before the election were authenticated and signed by the relevant Chair.

24-059 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

059.1 Upper Ahuriri River Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Management (6.1)

B Harper presented his report explaining that the National Policy on Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Management addresses fisheries where high angling pressure negatively impacts the angling experience. Recent data shows that the upper Ahuriri River, renowned for its exceptional trout fishing, meets the criteria of being classified as a Pressure Sensitive Fishery and may be experiencing excessive pressure. He proposed a phased management strategy involving firstly conducting an online survey in the 2024/25 season to assess angler displacement, and potentially introducing new management tools where justifiable, based on findings in subsequent seasons.

He explained the various systems that Council could look to put in place dependant on the outcome of the 2024/25 survey. These options include a voluntary beat system; a backcountry fisheries licence; a designated waters licence or a make it a controlled



fishery. General discussion was held and B Harper responded to queries and comments from Council.

Councillors extended their appreciation to B Harper for his highly detailed and informative report.

Resolved (Koevoet/Callum McKenzie)

24-044

THAT A MANAGEMENT PATHWAY BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE UPPER AHURIRI RIVER, COMMENCING IN THE 2024/25 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN WITH AN “ANGLER DISPLACEMENT/ANGLER SUPPORT FOR MANAGEMENT INTERVENTION SURVEY.”

059.2 Proposal for Councillor Development Programme Funding (6.2)

The CE spoke to his request for funding from general reserves to partake in a programme that is designed to enhance communication, foster a positive organisational culture, and provide essential governance training to support effective decision-making and risk management. This would include a team building workshop that focuses on strengthening communication and culture within the council, with a particular emphasis on fostering mutual understanding. Following the workshop Councillors will then undertake governance training from the Institute of Directors.

Resolved (Koevoet/Field)

24-045

THAT CSI COUNCIL APPROVES A \$17,000 ALLOCATION FROM GENERAL RESERVES TO FUND THE PROPOSED COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OVER THE NEXT YEAR WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS INVESTMENT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF CREATING A UNIFIED AND ENDURING ORGANISATION, ENHANCING GOVERNANCE CAPABILITY AND FOSTERING A COLLABORATIVE, EFFECTIVE COUNCIL.

059.3 High Court Appeal in Conjunction with Otago FGC on Otago Regional Policy Statement (6.3)

Resolved (Koevoet/Callum McKenzie) at 7:52 pm

24-046

THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING, NAMELY -

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confidential Matters	OIA section 9(2)(h)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 to maintain legal and professional privilege.

At 8:07 pm public meeting resumed.

059.4 2024/25 Operational Work Plan Amendments (6.4)

CE advised that with the successful recruitment of 3 new staff members, CSIFGC now has enhanced capacity for new and expanded projects in the 2024/25. He provided Council with the detail of the amendments in the OWP speaking to the additional projects and adjustments that have been incorporated into it.

059.5 Risk Register (6.5)

CE provided Council with updates on risks 1, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 14 of CSI's Risk Register.

24-060 BUDGET & FINANCE:

CE responded to general queries around the budget and finance. It was explained that due to this Council meeting needing to be held earlier than usual in order to comply with the Elections regulations regions October income and expenditure have not yet been fully received.

Resolved (Koevoet/Callum McKenzie)

24-047

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2024 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$102,850.67 AND \$92,902.83, RESPECTIVELY.

24-061 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

Resolved (Callum McKenzie/Koevoet)

24-048

THAT THE OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

24-062 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

CE advised we have received correspondence from the Minister for Hunting & Fishing requesting Council's response on questions he has posed to the region. CE provided Councillors with reports to give them background information to assist in replying to this letter.

Resolved (Koevoet/Duley)

24-049

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE AND HOLD A BRIEF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING TO APPROVE A RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER FOR HUNTING & FISHING'S REQUEST.

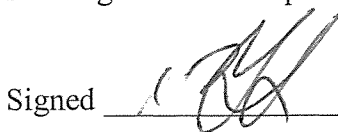
NEXT MEETING DATE:

Annual Public Meeting – 10 December at 7 pm.

Council Meeting: Thursday 30th January 2025 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed: 8:50 pm.

Signed



Date

30/1/2025