

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 215th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND
GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME NEW
ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025 AT 11 AM.**

Present

Crs. Mark Sceats, Alec McIver, Lindsay Lyons, Mike Jarvie, Pat Swift, Kevin Coutts, and Murray Ferris (arrived 11.36am).

In attendance

Arash Alaeinia, Kate Thompson, Anthony van Dorp Matthew Osborne, Eben Herbert (Eastern Fish & Game).

1.0 WELCOME

- 1.1 Cr Mark Sceats opened the meeting at 11.00 am welcoming all present.
- 1.2 Cr Mark Sceats expressed concern that Council Meeting Agendas still had not been received by some Councillors despite being posted almost two weeks prior. He asked that in future Council agenda papers be couriered to all Councillors unless they chose to opt out and receive them electronically.
- 1.3 Kate Thompson advised that she had made enquiries with NZ Post (Rotorua Mail Centre) about their delivery service as postal delays had also affected the delivery of Fishing and Gamebird Hunting licences, and this will be followed up in due course. She agreed that those requiring paper copies should be couriered.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Cr Scott Nicol and Cr Murray Ferris had informed the Chair that he would be delayed.
- 2.2 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that the apologies for the 215th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [25/05/2.2]*

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13 MARCH 2025)

- 3.1 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Alec McIver) that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [25/05/3.1]*
- 3.2 **IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY**
No items were identified for inclusion in Council policy from the minutes of the meeting held 13 March 2025.

3.3 MATTERS ARISING

Cr Lindsay Lyons spoke to item 4.1 where it was stated that a resolution was passed by NZC supporting Cr Sceats continuation as Eastern's representative on the NZ Council. Lindsay wished to highlight that this role should not be viewed as representing the Eastern Fish and Game Council's views, rather it was an appointment to the NZ Council representing Angler & Hunter interests nationally. Lindsay also expressed concern that New Zealand Council did not have a mandate to recommend a Regions appointee, he advised that the appropriate process would be for the NZC to co-opt but noted that he did not see a resolution for either. Cr Alec McIver informed Council that he had spoken to Barrie Barnes recently and highlighted with Barrie the importance of transparency suggesting that it would be appropriate for the NZC to liaise with this Council for such proposals. It was noted that the New Zealand Council minutes were not up to date online and Cr Mark Sceats confirmed that this was raised at the last meeting of the NZ Council to be rectified.

4.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Lindsay Lyons – Good Governance

Cr Kevin Coutts – Game Bird Season regulation booklet

Cr Lindsay Lyons – Access register

Cr Mike Jarvie – Proposal for new Compliance position

5.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

5.1 Councillors were asked to inform the chair of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were recorded.

6.0 HEALTH & SAFETY

6.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council of a minor incident which had occurred since writing of this report relating to a skin wound resulting from use of scissors in the fish trap.

6.2 *Agreed (Kevin Coutts/Mike Jarvie) that Council receives the Health and Safety report. [25/05/6.2]*

7.0 2025-2026 ANGLERS NOTICE

7.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council that no further feedback had been received since the last meeting and asked Council to conclude the Anglers Notice process for the 2025-26 angling season.

7.2 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Mike Jarvie) that Council concludes the Anglers Notice process for the upcoming 2025-2026 angling season and confirms the status quo for the 2025-2026 Angling Season regulations. [25/05/7.2]*

8.0 2025-2026 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

8.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council that the Region's budget for the 2025-26 operational year had been increased by \$72,482 as detailed on page 14 of the agenda bringing the total annual budget to \$1,378,026 noting that \$8,000 was to be drawn from reserves. Arash advised that the business case which this Council had approved for a new Compliance role was rejected by the New Zealand Council.

8.2 Cr Mark Sceats provided some background for the New Zealand Council's decision to decline the business case which was primarily due to significantly more funds being needed than were available. He said a resolution was passed that no staff should be employed through this process to limit the increase required on the licence fee. There was also discussion around the use of reserves for staff resources, but it was made clear to them that using reserves for employment costs was not appropriate as reserves should not be utilised for ongoing costs. Cr Mike Jarvie expressed concern about the NZ Council's decision as the reasons for declining it were not made clear and as the PCBU they have a responsibility for the Health & Safety of their employees. He believed the business case was very clear on the risks that staff are subjected to and suggested that we continue to pursue this. Cr Mark Sceats advised that we may need to look at restructuring how our staff work so that we can provide the support. Cr Mike Jarvie had reviewed staff time and noted that there was a lot of other work undertaken by the existing compliance staff and Arash Alaeinia advised that all staff contribute to compliance and if we want to increase their efforts in compliance, we need to be mindful that this would mean a reduction to the work they do in other areas. Cr Kevin Coutts understood the threats that staff face and agreed that this should be resubmitted.

8.3 From a management point of view Arash Alaeinia felt that this year, there has been a lack of transparency around some of the decisions made as there seemed to be disparities between some regions. Arash highlighted also that funding from reserves for staff had occurred in this latest budget round and provided an Education position as an example as from a management point of view he considered Health & Safety to be

- a higher priority. Cr Lindsay Lyons advised from experience that unfortunately the New Zealand Council don't tend to look at the detail and that there is a long-standing belief that this region is over resourced.
- 8.4 Cr Pat Swift queried whether Arash had been successful in obtaining support from the Police? Arash advised that he had approached the police but with their resources also being stretched we could only seek urgent assistance through the 111 service, or 105 for non-urgent matters.
- 8.5 ***Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Pat Swift) that Council receives the second draft of the 2025-26 Operational Work Plan, confirming that there are no amendments required to be made prior to circulation to other interested parties. [25/05/8.5]***
- 8.6 Kate Thompson provided Council with a table summarising regional sales targets, budgets, and levies for the 2025-26 year which would also assist in the discussion around the proposed licence fees.
- 8.7 Cr Mark Sceats advised that the process this year was complicated by the budgets being completed in varying formats.
- 8.8 Cr Lindsay Lyons queried the makeup of the current licence working party (LWP) and whether this group had been consulted on the budget process. Kate Thompson provided details of the current members of this group and advised that she had been involved with setting the licence sales forecasts as per usual processes. She advised that the LWP would not normally be involved with setting licence fees as this was interlinked with the budget process once the expected LEQ target had been set. Items such as the change in the pricing structure of the adult non-resident season licence and the family licence proposal she felt it appropriate to refer to this group for comment however this did not occur on this occasion.
- 9.0 2025-2026 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION**
- 9.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council that the licence fee proposal originally distributed from the New Zealand Council office had needed to be reviewed as some budgets were recorded incorrectly, Eastern's being one of them. He expressed concern that incorrect information had been supplied to the NZ Council for approval but was assured that this was not the case, and a subsequent licence fee proposal was distributed. Staff still had concern around the accuracy of information but acknowledge this is a new process and would take some time to bed in. Cr Mark Sceats highlighted the difficulties faced by the NZ Council office with new accountants being brought in at short notice and was concerned to hear offers of assistance from regional staff were not taken up.
- 9.2 Cr Alec McIver commented on the significant difference in levies between the North and South Islands and Cr Sceats advised that the South sees higher licence sales but being a national licence, the levies paid supported all of NZ.
- 9.3 Arash Alaeinia spoke to the proposed licence fees for the 2025-2026 Season noting that many of the budget increases were inflationary and with licence fees being the primary source of revenue inflationary increases needed to be passed on or alternatively we would need to reduce some of the work we do. Arash understood that an increase of \$14 would have been needed to provide for all costs but the lower increase provided for inflationary increases and other increases would be funded from regional reserves.
- 9.4 Cr Pat Swift asked what the additional designated waters licence fees funded? Kate Thompson provided background to the introduction of the Designated Waters License and advised that the proceeds were used to manage those sensitive fisheries through compliance and research. Pat asked if there were any opportunities for such waters in Eastern region? Kate Thompson advised that there were none currently and that staff were aware that the higher priced non-resident licence was a barrier for this region's non-residents as many were from Australia. Cr Lindsay Lyons, having guided Australian anglers for many years, agreed that the licence fee was a barrier for many.

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- 10.0 FAMILY LICENCE MODERNISATION – SUPPORTING WOMEN ANGLERS**
- 10.1 Arash Alaeinia briefed Council on the paper and asked Kate Thompson for comment.
- 10.2 Kate Thompson wished to make it clear that she was not for or against this proposal but felt that the potential impacts on licence revenue and changes to purchasing behaviours had not been fully considered in this initial paper. If the proposal resulted in a loss of revenue, with licence revenue being the only source of income this would need to be mitigated by further increasing licence fees. Kate also felt that it would be beneficial to obtain feedback from a broader group of family licence participants and, if possible, to review the switching behaviour which occurred following the introduction of the unrestricted family licence in the Taupo fishery bearing in mind also the Taupo fishery is one catchment whereas the Fish & Game licence is valid throughout NZ except for the Taupo fishery.
- 10.3 Cr Kevin Coutts asked how this would work as every person on the family licence would need a copy. Kate responded advising that this did not appear to have been considered yet and expected that some changes might be required to the licence system to accommodate. Cr Mark Sceats advised that this may not be such an issue in the future with the proposed move to digital licences.
- 10.4 Cr Lindsay Lyons thanked Kate for the work she had undertaken to review the numbers and wanted to ensure the New Zealand Council were provided with more information on the potential impacts through the Licence Working Party.
- 10.5 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Lindsay Lyons) that Council recommends to the New Zealand Fish & Game Council that the Family Licence Modernisation proposal be referred to the Licence Working Party prior to being reported back to the New Zealand Council and taking into consideration:*
- *modelling of potential revenue impacts and category switching, including Juniors;*
 - *a broader analysis of current Family Licence holders and their likely response to the change;*
 - *a full review by the National Licence Working Party, including consideration of the forthcoming Licence Category and Pricing Optimisation Report. [25/05/10.5]*

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.30 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12.55 p.m.

11.0 GAMEBIRD REGULATION SETTING, POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- 11.1 Arash Alaeinia advised that this paper was intended to reaffirm Council's existing policies and processes, but also to highlight that these can be changed if desired. He asked Council to consider whether they wish staff to provide options for lowering population thresholds.

- 11.2 Cr Mark Sceats emphasised to Council members that they were ultimately elected to make the final decisions. While staff may provide professional recommendations, Council is not bound to follow them. Council may choose to accept the recommendations in full, adopt them in part, or reject them entirely.
- 11.3 Council discussion and comments included:
- staff expertise and scientific input needs to be considered to enable Council to make informed decisions.
 - Council must be prepared to accept the consequences of its decisions.
 - feedback and engagement with hunters and anglers is also important in decision making and has been lacking over the years.
 - process and policies should be followed until further information is supplied that warrants a change.
 - there was some discussion over whether the Council's primary duty is to the resource itself or its licence holders.
- 11.4 Arash Alaeinia said it is his role to ensure the safety and protection of the organisation both in terms of health and safety for operational staff but also the governance and the Council. He highlighted the importance of having clear policies and processes in place. These provide a solid foundation and protection for the Council's governance responsibilities, operational procedures, and the integrity of decision-making. While Council retains the right to accept or reject staff recommendations, as seen with the Gamebird Process decision, it is essential that decisions follow the correct processes to avoid risk. Arash commented on recent public challenges that triggered ministerial reviews and national scrutiny. Fortunately, existing documentation and long-standing management practices allowed F&G to respond appropriately in these cases. He wanted to ensure Council decisions are defensible and the organisation remains secure.
- 11.5 ***Agreed (Mark Sceats/Alec McIver) that Council accepts this report, takes time to familiarise themselves with our Standing Orders, Governance Policy and our SFGMP and has a strong awareness of our roles and responsibilities under the Conservation Act and the Wildlife Act. [25/05/11.5]***
- 11.6 ***Agreed (Mark Sceats/Alec Mc Iver that the initial Gamebird condition discussion will be started in the August meeting (one Council meeting earlier. [25/05/11.6]***
- 12.0 DRAFT LONE WORKER POLICY**
- 12.1 Arash Alaeinia introduced this item informing Council that he believed this draft Lone Worker Policy was lacking in the definition of lone worker. Arash advised that this region has policy for working alone within its own Health & Safety Plan. Feedback from staff had been provided in the agenda item and Arash asked Council what feedback they would like to provide to the NZ Council. Cr Mark Sceats understood the background to this policy was directed at those staff working from home following Covid.
- 12.2 Discussion continued around the use of PLB's, Inreach, and the new Satellite text service offered by One NZ. Arash Alaeinia informed Council that we have set processes in place for staff working offsite and alone. He said in its current form this policy would require anyone working from home having to adhere to it and include people coming on to our site having to adhere to it. He felt that it was not concise enough or practical for Fish & Game operations. Cr Mark Sceats suggested that it could be refined with various levels eg working from home vs. working out in the field.
- 12.3 ***Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that Council supports staff recommendation that policy is not fit for purpose and recommend.***
- ***Enabling regions to incorporate appropriate lone worker provisions into their own H&S manuals.***

- *Clarifying roles, responsibilities of PCBU, and use of statutory titles for NZC and regional Fish and Game Councils.*
- *Defining “lone worker” and create a matrix-based approach to guide safety requirements. [25/05/12.3]*

13.0 DRAFT HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING POLICY

13.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council of recent discussions with the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer at the National Office. He noted that in 2024, the organisation undertook a process where regions submitted feedback on a draft Health & Safety Policy, which was subsequently adopted by the NZ Council. Arash advised that they have since been instructed to hold off on providing further feedback, as the Officer will be reviewing the version that had already been accepted. He also confirmed that copies of previous regional recommendations have been provided to her for consideration

13.2 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Murray Ferris) that Council supports staff recommendation which is that this new policy creates confusion and unnecessary duplication, to established regional systems and an already adopted national policy. It does not clearly define lines of accountability or authority, which the former does. Any national guidance should instead focus on supporting regions to enhance and align their existing H&S policies where needed, without overriding or duplicating them, which is what the earlier policy did. [25/05/13.2]*

14.0 DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & LEGISLATION POLICY

14.1 Arash Alaeinia brief Council on the proposed Resource Management and Legislation Policy and felt that this was a positive move. Cr Mark Sceats agreed that it is timely that this policy is refreshed to ensure transparency and fairness.

14.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Lindsay Lyons) that Council supports staff recommendation to create a framework and scoring matrix process, to help to keep the allocation of funds transparent and fair. [25/05/14.2]*

15.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Finance Report

15.1 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Lindsay Lyons) that Council receives the finance report. [25/05/15.1]*

15.2 Cr Linday Lyons queried whether it was appropriate to record the Awakaponga Insurance claim proceeds as income. Kate Thompson advised that it is income in this year despite being reimbursement of funds spent on the project. Cr Mike Jarvie asked if the solar system was to be replaced. Arash Alaeinia advised that the system would not be replaced with a like system due to inherent issues with vandalism and that funds would remain in reserve pending a resolution.

15.3 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that Council approves payments for February and March 2025 totalling \$352,114.17. [25/05/15.3]*

Management Report

15.4 Arash Alaeinia provided an update to Council, noting that the team is currently in a particularly busy period with the Game bird season well underway, the hatchery trapping programme, and increased compliance operations due to spawning fish. Arash also highlighted two recent community engagement initiatives:

- A **careers day** hosted on-site in collaboration with the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce, aimed at promoting opportunities within the food fibre sectors.
- A successful “**Women on the Fly**” event, held over the past weekend in conjunction with the Rotorua Anglers Association, encouraging women's participation in fly fishing.

Arash also updated Council on our two new staff members, Ben Sowry who joins the team from Otago and Steven Henry from Rotorua and provided a brief overview of their respective roles and the value they bring to the team.

15.5 *Agreed (Kevin Coutts/Murray Ferris) that Council receives the management report. [25/05/15.5]*

Licence Sales Report

15.6 Kate Thompson provided a brief update on licence sales advising that fish licence sales are 440 odd LEQ's up against last season but noted that we are still not back to pre-covid levels. Game licence sales were also ahead of last season (178 LEQ's). Sales were more in line with the 2023 season as last season seemed to be particularly poor. Council discussed the downturn in Auckland/Waikato and Hawke's Bay sales and questioned whether Eastern's increase could have been a result of this.

15.7 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Kevin Coutts) that Council receives the licence sales report. [25/05/15.7]*

15.8 Kate Thompson provided Council with an updated presentation on licence holder demographics in the Eastern Region which showed changes in purchasing behaviours over time.

15.9 General discussion followed regarding the potential reasons for the decline in participation among middle age groups. One contributing factor noted was the increasing range of alternative activities now available to young people. While the children's programmes were highlighted as a positive aspect, it was acknowledged that there is a general decline in interest in hunting and fishing. Broader societal changes and financial pressures were also noted as influencing factors. The discussion emphasised the need for in-depth research across all categories to support informed decision-making.

15.10 Cr Mike Jarvie thanked Kate Thompson for the presentation.

15.11 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Kevin Coutts) that Council receives the licence sales presentation by Kate Thompson. [25/05/15.11]*

16.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

16.1 *Report from Bay of Plenty Conservation Board*

No Report

16.2 *Report from Department of Conservation*

No Report

16.3 *Report from New Zealand Council*

Cr Mark Sceats referred to the emails disseminated from NZC and had little to add but was happy to answer any questions.

16.4 Council discussed the lack of representation from the Department of Conservation and the Conservation Boards at Council meetings and questioned why this might be. Arash advised he did not know and that the agendas are sent to all interested groups.


17.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 *Good Governance*

Cr Lindsay Lyons referred to his paper "Fish and Game Governor Decision Making" which was included in the Papers for Information and highlighted the importance of making the right decisions for the right reasons. Key points from the Council discussion included:

- The necessity of ensuring all relevant information is available before decisions are made.
- Recognition that a decision perceived as "right" by one person may be viewed as "wrong" by another, highlighting the subjectivity involved in governance.

- A shared concern about not losing sight of democratic principles, stressing the importance of transparent and inclusive decision-making processes.
- 17.2 *Game Bird season information*
Cr Kevin Coutts raised concern about this year's hunting regulation guides being for one region only. Kate Thompson advised that the decision was purely due to costs to produce the booklets and understood that this was up for discussion as had been raised by others.
- 17.3 *Access Register*
Cr Lindsay Lyons spoke about the Region's Access Register and asked Council to keep feedback coming to staff about loss of access that they have experienced while out hunting and fishing. Mark Sceats advised that this region had submitted its register to NZC and that this had received favourable comments from the minister and the NZC. Council also discussed access issues that had occurred in other Fish & Game Regions around access and potential conflicts of interest.
- 17.4 *Proposal for new Compliance position*
Cr Mike Jarvie asked that a resolution be passed for the business case for the new Compliance role be resubmitted for further consideration by the New Zealand Council. Council agreed that the best approach to enable a resolution to be passed would be to reopen the discussion on the Draft 2025-2026 Operational Work Plan.
- 18.0 SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION - DRAFT 2025-2026 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN**
- 18.1 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that Council reopens item 8. Draft 2025-2026 Operation Work Plan for further discussion. [25/05/18.1]*
- 18.2 Council discussed further and Arash Alaeinia suggested to reapproach this on the basis that the position would be a fixed term contract to be funded by reserves, as it would be unlikely to be approved via the licence fee.
- 18.3 *Agreed (Mike Jarvie/Alec McIver) that Council supports the resubmission of its business case for a Compliance Officer, which was declined by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, on the basis that the proposal would be funded by regional reserves for a fixed term on one year. [25/05/18.3]*
- 19.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**
- 19.1 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Murray Ferris) that pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded at 2.30 pm from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely to confirm the minutes of discussion concerning members relationships, interaction and expectations of roles and responsibilities. [25/05/19.1]*
- 19.2 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Murray Ferris) that Council moves out of public excluded and that the public be re-admitted to the meeting at 3.02 pm. [25/05/19.2]*
- 20.0 MEETING CLOSED**
- 20.1 Cr Mark Sceats closed the meeting 3.04 pm.



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Chairman

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