

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HBFC COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY

At the **HBFGC Meeting on 18 Mar 2025** these minutes were **confirmed with the following changes:**

Removed reference to Bruce Bates conflict of interest.

Name:	Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
Date:	Tuesday, 21 January 2025
Time:	6:00 pm to 9:49 pm (NZDT)
Location:	Hawkes Bay Fish & Game , 22a Burness Road Jervois town Napier
Board Members:	Bruce Bates (Chair), Callum Slavin, Dan Jones, Gary Bowcock, Glenn Morgan, Greg Duley, Henry Melville, Karl Goodchild, Peter Coles, Steve Evans
Attendees:	Corina Jordan, Sam Robinson, John Lumsden, Davey Jones
Apologies:	Blair Slavin, Jeff Niblett

1. Workshops

1.1 Governance Training

1.2 Risk Register

2. Opening Meeting 7pm

2.1 Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

2.2 Present & in Attendance

2.3 Apologies

2.4 Confirmation of Agenda & General Business

Discuss recent newspaper article (14th Jan 2025 HB Today) on fishing sexist underbelly and Wahine fishing adventures facebook page.

Correspondance received from Paddy Clark re stocking the Mangaone River

2.5 Confirm Minutes

HBFGC Meeting December 10 Dec 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Confirm minutes

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council on the 10th December 2024 are a true and accurate record.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Dan Jones
Seconder: Greg Duley
Outcome: Approved

2.6 Matters arising from minutes

Manager to refer to action list and letter to the Minister on the submitted SSP and circulate draft to council before submitting to the Minister. Circulation of HB Standing Orders.

2.7 Conflict of interest

All councilors signed the conflict of interest register.

2.8 Health & Safety Report

Council appreciated the incident report prepared by Mr Jones (incident or near misses between the last council meeting (date) and when the board pack was sent out risks and hazards and the steps taken to avoid, mitigate these risks eg hydration, sustenance, weather. Manager provided an update on summer field work and aerial survey and highlighted potential sustenance, fatigue, air sickness, weather. More details will be provided in next meeting.



Accept Health & Safety Report

The HBFG Council takes the report as read and accepts the Health & Safety report

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Greg Duley
Outcome: Approved

2.9 Hawkes Bay Risk Register



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Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Callum Slavin
Outcome: Approved

2.10 Lake Tutira

Oral discussion. Introduction provided by Davey and handed out 1 page summary summary document. Bruce - had a meeting pre gabrielle to restock lake. Have to get permission to stock the lake. Legally we are allowed to put trout in the lake, but we havent wanted to as prefer to build a relationship so trout restocking was supported.

F&G happy to give the lease back with the proviso that anglers could continue to access lake. Guthrie Lake are we restocking - No (could ask Guthrie Smith to stock lake). Grass carp have impacted on Koura. John undertook a site visit to undertake an ecological assessment of the the stream running into the Lake to look at opportunity for trout spawning. Can access and look but

cannot electric fish without notifying wider stakeholders. Could potentially support a small amount of spawning. In discussion with stakeholders to electric fish the stream. Lake Tutira would need grass carp to be removed, establishment of native vegetation, to then support indigenous fish and trout. Perception of HBFGC is coloured by Tutira. F&G blamed for not restocking the fishery. Could look at restoring Sandy Creek - used to be an outstanding habitat for trout supporting trout spawning. But issue with nutrient levels which is why Sandy Stream was diverted away from Tutira.

Release into Hawkeston.



Lake Tutira

Priority for the Council - HB staff to keep building relationships

Update Anglers on what F&G is doing verbally (ask Comms what approach to take)

Investigate getting access to Guthrie Smith Lake (Lake Orakai) and stocking as a put and take Investigate other Lake options

Keep Lake Tutira update paper on the agenda - even if it is oral.

Due Date: 17 Mar 2025

Owner: Corina Jordan

2.11 HPAI Update



HPAI update

HBFGC receives the report and adopts the NZC recommendations.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025

Mover: Callum Slavin

Seconder: Gary Bowcock

Outcome: Approved

2.12 Draft NZC Fatigue Management Policy

Regarding number 5 in policy - What can cause fatigue - should update to include personal reasons ie

- Time, energy & emotional
- Excess alcohol consumption
- Strengthen external factors
- Personal responsibility to make sure you are fit for work.



Fatigue Management Policy

HBFGC support the policy in principle and instruct manager to write back to NZC to state support in principal and providing feedback seeking amendments.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025

Mover: Gary Bowcock

Seconder: Callum Slavin

Outcome: Approved

3. Discussions & Decisions

3.1 Proposed Gamebird Regulations 2025



Gamebird season start & end date

That the council confirms and approves the start and end dates for the 2025 Game Bird Hunting Season beginning 3rd May 2025 for all species and ending 29 June 2025 for ducks and swan and 31 August 2025 for Pukeko and upland game.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved



Bag limit increase Swan

That the council confirms and approves increasing the daily bag limit on black swans from 3 to 5 birds per day, for the duration of the 2025 season.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved



Change to shooting hours

That the council confirms and approves shooting hours from 6.15 am to a new end of shooting time of 6.15 pm, (a change from 6.00pm) for the duration of the 2025 season.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved



Other regulations

That the council confirms and approves season length, bag limits and all other season conditions that applied for the 2024 season as set out in Table 1, for the duration of the 2025 season.

Table 1. Proposed Season conditions for the 2025 game season to be voted on, **proposed changes to 2024 regulations in red.**

Species	2025 Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
mallard/grey duck	3 May to 29 June 2025	8	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	3 May to 29 June 2025	2	All areas
paradise shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2025	8	All areas
pukeko	3 May to 31 Aug 2025	10	All areas

black swan	3 May to 29 June 2025	5	All areas
brown quail	Closed season	0	All areas
california quail	3 May to 31 Aug 2025	10	All areas
cock pheasant	3 May to 31 Aug 2025	2	All areas

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Second: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved

Staff presented a summary of their recent aerial paradise shelduck and black swan aerial counts; site visits by light aircraft and foot were completed Friday 17/01/25. Counts were recorded at the time where levels could easily be counted and from high resolution photographs back at the office where there were high concentrations, a summary of annualised totals was presented in graph form for each.

The most recent, unusually low count for black swan on Lake Poukawa was discussed, and that the dry conditions and lack of fresh pasture and fodder crops surrounding the lake is a likely explanation. The lake was low, with no ephemeral water surrounding it, and most paddocks surrounding are planted in maize and squash, following autumn harvesting, these paddocks will be replanted in grass and fodder crops, and are likely to host large number of black swan again at that time.

Council believes the swan population is likely to move within the east coast region; potentially between Fish and Game regions, and on request were advised the Wellington swan limit was 5 per day last season and likely to be the same for the 2025 season. Staff have undertaken to increase monitoring of the swan population in central Hawkes Bay, particularly around lake Poukawa to better understand seasonal variations

3.2 Twin Lakes Fishing Competition

High indigenous values. Biosecurity challenge given its pristine nature (alpine lake)

John noted that the permit specifies biosecurity measures - and you would discuss with meeting organisers on what steps they are required to undertake eg wash gear before competition (wash station manned)

Council recommends HB FG staff attend to ensure compliance with biosecurity measures, and also take photos and do a social posts.



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Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Glenn Morgan
Second: Karl Goodchild
Outcome: Approved



Fishing Competition Policy

Update fishing competition policy to strengthen biosecurity considerations and actions

Due Date: 18 Mar 2025
Owner: John Lumsden



Fishing Competition Policy

HBFGC adopts amended Competition Policy with the additional amendments to ensure biosecurity measures (pest plant and organism risk) are identify and implemented. Moved Greg, seconded Glen table, all approved.

Council delegates HBFGC Manager the ability to issue Fishing Competition Permits where it meets the competition policy, condition is that the council must be notified in writing prior to the competition

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Callum Slavin
Seconded: Dan Jones
Outcome: Approved

4. Regional Business

4.1 Operations Report

Discussion on ranging 1511 page 98. Complaint on Makahu access. Private land both sides of the river and no Kings chain, so ownership is to the middle of the river. Anglers can only fish if they have permission from the land owners. Cncr Duly suggested contacting Tim Deneen first to discuss further.

Chairman Bates have been contacted by local nursery who have plants that they would like to donate.

Staff heading up to Glenfalls hut next week. Reports are hut is fine. Check toilet and interior of the hut smoke alarms etc.



Operations Report

HBFGC receive the information

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconded: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved

4.2 Licence Report



Licence sales

HBFGC receive information

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Dan Jones
Seconded: Steve Evans
Outcome: Approved

4.3 Finance Reports



That the payments for 1st November to 30th November 2024 totaling...

That the payments for 1st November to 30th November 2024 totaling \$140,970.16 be approved.

Current Account – November 2024 \$139,701.64

Credit Card (KM) – November 2024 \$1,268.52

Total \$140,970.16

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Glenn Morgan
Seconder: Peter Coles
Outcome: Approved



Eyede payment

Why is there a delay in payments from Eyede Solutions for licence monies.

Due Date: 18 Mar 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

4.4 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
29 Nov 2024	Provide Feedback Status: Completed on 9 Jan 2025	Bruce Bates
10 Dec 2024	2025 Gamebird Regulations Status: Completed on 18 Feb 2025	John Lumsden
10 Dec 2024	Staff Follow Ups Status: In Progress	Corina Jordan
10 Dec 2024	Huia loan Status: In Progress	Kerry Meehan
21 Jan 2025	R3 Strategy Status: Completed on 4 Mar 2025	Corina Jordan
21 Jan 2025	Update risk register Status: Completed on 4 Mar 2025	Corina Jordan
21 Jan 2025	Councillors complete declaration Status: In Progress	Bruce Bates, Corina Jordan
21 Jan 2025	Hawkes Bay Standing Orders Status: Completed on 18 Feb 2025	Corina Jordan, Kerry Meehan
21 Jan 2025	.410 steel shot option Status: In Progress	John Lumsden
21 Jan 2025	Valuation policy Status: In Progress	Corina Jordan
17 Feb 2025	Electoral Roll Status: In Progress	Corina Jordan
18 Mar 2025	HB Chair to NZ Chair Status: In Progress	Bruce Bates
18 Mar 2025	Security measures Status: In Progress	Corina Jordan, Kerry Meehan

4.5 Correspondance

5. General Business

5.1 General business

- Fishing sexist underbelly article (HB Today Jan 14th 2025). General discussion. Fish and Game actively promotes the inclusion of all members of society in enjoying the wealth of benefits associated with fishing and hunting in our great outdoors. Practical fly-fishing courses run by women, for women, along with events to help young people to take up and enjoy fishing and hunting is a significant part of our work. We would encourage hunters and anglers to treat the people they meet on the river with the same courtesy and respect they expect themselves.

- Correspondence received from Paddy Clark re stocking the Mangaone River. General Council discussion. Action Develop a research brief for ecological assessment Esk, Tutaekuri, Mangaone and trout fishery restoration. Consider negotiating access, and the release of trout if it meets with NZC Policy. Could consider no fish take regulations. \$350 per 100 fish.



Response to HB Today article

HBFGC committed to equal opportunities and the right to pursue your sport without intimidation or harassment. Please respect your fellow fisherperson and hunters.

Decision Date: 21 Jan 2025
Mover: Dan Jones
Seconder: Steve Evans
Outcome: Approved



Fish release into Mangaone

Manager to send written response to Paddy Clark.

Manager to look at national policy, Crawthron institute report and possible river investigation with Dr Death.

Due Date: 18 Mar 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: HBFGC Meeting - 18 Mar 2025, 6:00 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
2.10	Lake Tutira Due Date: 17 Mar 2025	Corina Jordan
3.2	Fishing Competition Policy Due Date: 18 Mar 2025	John Lumsden
4.3	Eyede payment Due Date: 18 Mar 2025	Corina Jordan
5.1	Fish release into Mangaone Due Date: 18 Mar 2025	Corina Jordan

Signature: _____

Date: _____