

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL MEETING

At the **Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council Meeting** on **20 Jan 2026** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
Date:	Wednesday, 10 December 2025
Time:	6:00 pm to 6:30 pm (NZDT)
Location:	Hawkes Bay Fish & Game , 22a Burness Road Jervoistown Napier
Board Members:	Bruce Bates (Chair), Blair Slavin, Greg Duley, Gary Bowcock, Glenn Morgan, Henry Melville, Jeff Niblett, Karl Goodchild, Peter Coles, Steve Evans
Attendees:	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater, Kerry Meehan
Apologies:	Callum Slavin

1. Opening Meeting 6pm

1.1 Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda & General Business

Members of Hastings Anglers Club requested an opportunity to submit questions to the council.

1.3 Conflict of interest

All members signed the conflict of interest folder.

1.4 Confirm Minutes

Minutes are missing information including:

Lake Rununga discussion not included into. Awaiting regional council discussion

Nursery agreement not on action list

Education trust not on action list

No mention on Hydro easement Mohaka walking access, waiting on response.

Action list not completed until council has signed off. Manager creating a spreadsheet that will come back to council.

Staff to review and re-submit minutes for January meeting.

1.5 Matters arising from minutes

Remove Dan Jones from meeting.

2. Discussions & Decisions

2.1 2026 Game Bird Regulation Feedback

Feedback received from licence holders and reviewed.

Tom Ward Parrie numbers, lift numbers? No scientific justification to lift numbers. Population surveys will take place in January and council has the ability to revisit regulations if surveys return a justification to do so.

K Goodchild made note of Tom Wards email response.



HBFGC approve the 2026 Game Bird regulations as presented.

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Decision Date: 10 Dec 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved

3. General Business

3.1 General business

Lloyd Struthers request HBFGC to do more to enhance fish and game resource. Tukituki and tribbs under huge threat from increase extraction. Request to more to monitoring of these rivers. Staff to follow up with Dr Death on the proposed study of the Tukituki. It is under imminent threat and needs addressing.

HBRC send staff a consent application report every week which is assessed on applications that have been submitted to HBRC. Staff identify areas of concern and if so forward onto NZC for consultation and possible response.

HBRC are over allocating the water resource. Keep changing the min low flow and is an ongoing concern. Minister is responsible for the value of the water conservation orders. Min flows also don't reflect a healthy river.

In regard to Jet boats on Tutaekuri, it has been noted that fish do spawn on the main stem of the river. Without being scheduled spawning areas it's difficult to stop the activity. Hastings District Council have issued JBNZ a resource consent for their events. Staff working with JBNZ to monitor low river flows so not to disturb redds. Timed to avoid whitebaiters and opening of angling season. What is the prime season to avoid prime spawning? Better to keep to early season than later to avoid disturbing eggs. Events have been going for 20+ years. Is it worth picking a fight with another organisation that is also focused on river conservation? Staff did spawning surveys over the spawning season, no spawning found below Mangatutu. Spawning surveys showed it was late this season and no redds sighted before September. Jet boaters were also involved in the Ngaruroro water conservation order. To change with consent the cost is \$2000 to amend the dates, Sept-Oct change to Jul-Aug. Why does HBFGC not use Ranger and Angling club to assist with surveying? Monitoring and research needs to be consistent and same criteria year on year to make valid conclusions and scientific evidence to create trends. Setting standards to create robust standards and creates robust data. Management to develop and communicate areas where clubs can assist in areas of OWP.

4. AGM

4.1 Annual General Meeting



Move into AGM

HBFGC agree to move into Annual General Meeting.

Decision Date: 10 Dec 2025
Mover: Blair Slavin
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved

5. Close Meeting

5.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council Annual General Meeting - 10 Dec 2025, 6:30 pm

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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