

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HBFGC MEETING

At the **HBFGC Meeting** on **14 Oct 2025** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
Date:	Tuesday, 16 September 2025
Time:	6:00 pm to 9:10 pm (NZST)
Location:	Hawkes Bay Fish & Game , 22a Burness Road Jervoistown Napier
Board Members:	Bruce Bates (Chair), Blair Slavin, Callum Slavin, Gary Bowcock, Glenn Morgan, Greg Duley, Henry Melville, Jeff Niblett, Karl Goodchild, Peter Coles
Attendees:	Corina Jordan
Apologies:	Steve Evans, Dan Jones

1. Opening Meeting 6pm
 - 1.1 **Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council**
 - 1.2 **Present & in Attendance**
 - 1.3 **Apologies**
 - 1.4 **Confirmation of Agenda & General Business**
 - 1.5 **Conflict of interest**
 - 1.6 **Confirm Minutes**

HBFGC Council Meeting 23 Jul 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



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Decision Date:	16 Sept 2025
Mover:	Henry Melville
Seconder:	Karl Goodchild
Outcome:	Approved

1.7 **Matters arising from minutes**

Body camera, have staff priced. NZC have provided advice and they are currently being used by Eastern



Body Cams

HBFGC delegate manager to investigate purchase, protocols and use of body cams. Provide a draft policy to council.

Decision Date: 16 Sept 2025
Mover: Karl Goodchild
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved



Body Cams

Manager discuss body cams with CERT

Due Date: 18 Nov 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

No matters arising from the minutes.

1.8 Health & Safety Report



Health & Safety Report

HBFGC accepts the Health & Safety report.

Decision Date: 16 Sept 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved

2. Discussions & Decisions

2.1 RMA Update



RMA submission

HBFGC should be making submissions on RMA reform changes. Request local MPs in to discuss supporting F&G position.

Due Date: 11 Nov 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

Manager gave a verbal update on the RMA reform changes before currently before parliament and the proposed changes on Water Conservation Orders which sits with the Minister for the Environment. A detailed paper will be provided for the November meeting.

2.2 Budget 2025-26 Signoff



Budget

The HBFGC agree to

- i. Approve the budget as proposed \$574,320.
- ii. Approve the use of reserves \$87,000 (this was included in the draft budget that was approved in 22 July 2025).
- iii. Approve the use of additional reserves of \$41,830.
- iv. Seek approval from NZC for the use of additional reserves \$41,830. NZC have already approved \$87,000, HBFGC to seek additional approval of \$41,830

B Slavin abstained

Decision Date: 16 Sept 2025
Mover: Karl Goodchild
Seconder: Callum Slavin
Outcome: Approved



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Secondment agreement for Management

HBFGC agree to pursue a secondment agreement with Lyndon Slater and North Canterbury for management services.

Create a small group of 3 councillors per council to liaise with operations to assess how the arrangement is working.

Organise Lyndon to be here for the monthly council meetings. Include standard agenda item and update on operations manager

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Mover: Peter Coles
Seconder: Glenn Morgan
Outcome: Approved



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Mover: Jeff Niblett
Seconder: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved



Letter to NZC

Manager to draft response to NZC from HBFGC in a letter on levy rates, sales budget and allocated budget. Need assurance from NZC that it won't be repeated.

Due Date: 18 Nov 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

2.3 New Zealand Council Meeting Docs

3. Regional Business

3.1 Jet Boat Events

Staff provided verbal update on spawning survey work pre event, but high flow and cloudy water made it difficult.

Field staff attended events to monitor compliance with resource consent conditions. Changes made by JBNZ after first event to address concerns. Issues with non members joining events and causing issues for organisers.



Four wheel drive vehicles

Four wheel drive users are also posing a high risk to nesting birds and spawning fish. Are river beds classed at roads or highways? Queens chain? Liaise with DOC on options for control of 4WD use in rivers.

Due Date: 14 Oct 2025
Owner: John Lumsden

3.2 Operations Report



Nursery Agreement

Provide council with a copy of the agreement with The Pa for nursery use.

Due Date: 14 Oct 2025
Owner: Kerry Meehan

Hastings and Napier anglers wish to show their appreciation for staff putting together the market day event.

3.3 Tractor Purchase



Tractor purchase

HBFGC approve the purchase of the Kubota 23HP tractor, utilising funds from the Game Farm Development reserve

Decision Date: 16 Sept 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved



Tractor purchase

Draft policy on tractor use and conditions and induction.

Due Date: 21 Oct 2025
Owner: Kerry Meehan

3.4 Finance Reports



Finance

That the payments for 1st July to 31st August 2025 totalling \$186,281.27 be approved.

Decision Date: 16 Sept 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Jeff Niblett
Outcome: Approved

3.5 Licence Report

4. General Business

4.1 General business

Spawning Surveys

From previous minutes cncr Coles is would like to know why no contact has been made with the Hastings Anglers club to assist with spawning surveys.

Fish release into Esk & Mangone Rivers

Discussion on progress made on viability to release fish. Staff to survey and provide robust scientific evidence of invertebrate numbers. Proof on enough invertebrate life in the river before looking at fish releases. Staff have been surveying and only seen a small number of fish. Access is difficult due to private ownership. Substrate causes issues for spawning, will be poor due to papa and high forestry. There will need to be consultation with mana whenua and managing social licence issues with fish releases. Legislative change may cease current rules of releasing.

Other options including Roys hill, Horseshoe lake, waiting on owner agreements. Roys hill under challenges with iwi claim and fish can access in high flow from river. High number of eel and perch in Horseshoe lake, have to grow fish on to ensure they are not predated on.



HBFGC

Move HBFGC to monthly meetings. Full board pack for bi-monthly meetings. Interim board pack not necessary, just information to be discussed.

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Seconder: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved



Meeting planner

Manager to create a meeting planner.

Due Date: 14 Oct 2025
Owner: Corina Jordan

5. Public Excluded

5.1 Public excluded session



Public Excluded

Move to public excluded to discuss management

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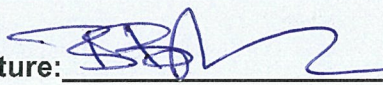
6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: HBFGC Meeting - 14 Oct 2025, 6:00 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
1.7	Body Cams Due Date: 18 Nov 2025	Corina Jordan
2.1	RMA submission Due Date: 11 Nov 2025	Corina Jordan
2.2	Letter to NZC Due Date: 18 Nov 2025	Corina Jordan
3.1	Four wheel drive vehicles Due Date: 14 Oct 2025	John Lumsden
3.2	Nursery Agreement Due Date: 14 Oct 2025	Kerry Meehan
3.3	Tractor purchase Due Date: 21 Oct 2025	Kerry Meehan
4.1	Meeting planner Due Date: 14 Oct 2025	Corina Jordan

Signature:  Date: 14-10-25