

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

## HBFGC MEETING

At the **HBFG Council Meeting on 20 May 2025** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

<b>Name:</b>	Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 18 March 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 pm to 9:45 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Hawkes Bay Fish & Game , 22a Burness Road Jervois town Napier
<b>Board Members:</b>	Bruce Bates (Chair), Blair Slavin, Callum Slavin, Gary Bowcock, Glenn Morgan, Greg Duley, Jeff Niblett, Karl Goodchild, Peter Coles, Steve Evans
<b>Attendees:</b>	Corina Jordan, Kerry Meehan
<b>Apologies:</b>	Henry Melville, 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

All councilors signed the conflict of interest register and returned material interest declarations.

#### 1.6 Confirm Minutes

**HBFC Council Meeting January 21 Jan 2025**, the minutes were confirmed with the following changes:

*Removed reference to Bruce Bates conflict of interest.*



#### Confirm Minutes

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council on the 21st January 2025 are a true and accurate record.

B Slavin Abstained as was absent

<b>Decision Date:</b>	18 Mar 2025
<b>Mover:</b>	Gary Bowcock
<b>Seconder:</b>	Karl Goodchild
<b>Outcome:</b>	Approved

Actions register follow up requests

References to Eyede payments

Asset valuation policy

Enrolment of all licence holders. NZC have identified and will also be reviewed at same time as family licence system.

Response to HB today article. recorded councils position on minutes. advice from NZC comms to not do reactive media.

Huia loan. cannot find home for huia. live issue for council. Look overseas for potential. Ngai tahu option? Get a secure display and not pay insurance. Cost if we were to sell them.

## 1.7 Matters arising from minutes

## 1.8 Hawkes Bay Risk Register



### Risk Register

3. HBFGC accept the risk register as amended through discussion.

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Greg Duley  
**Seconder:** Callum Slavin  
**Outcome:** Approved



### Risk Register Amendments

Lack of organizational strategy. Change to 4

Governance. Should Diversity should be included? The Council is based on members being elected. How can F&G encourage a more diverse range of people to stand for council?

Social demographic. Risk code

Species management. go to a 3. change wording to regional specific activities. Focus on government not most effective way to achieve results.

Environmental climate change. Work local. how we can mitigate locally.

Gravel extraction. change as not gotten worse. 3 not a 4.

Health and Safety. Contractor management. checking and competency levels. Induction policy. staff working in natural environment, lone worker policy. more information. fatigue management. risk assessments.

**Due Date:** 13 May 2025  
**Owners:** Corina Jordan, Kerry Meehan

## 1.9 Health & Safety Report



### H&S Report

That HBFGC receives the information and accepts the health and safety report.

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Gary Bowcock  
**Seconder:** Blair Slavin  
**Outcome:** Approved



## H&S Actions

Lone worker policy review at next meeting.

Track me update and field intentions paper for next meeting.

**Due Date:** 13 May 2025  
**Owner:** Kerry Meehan

## 2. Discussions & Decisions

### 2.1 Draft Operational Workplan & Budget 2025-26



#### Draft Operational Work Plan & Budget 2025-26

That HBFGC approve the draft operational work plan and budget for the 2025-2026 year to be sent to NZC

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Jeff Niblett  
**Seconder:** Karl Goodchild  
**Outcome:** Approved

Manager outline process of the OWP and budgets. Regions create budget, goes to NZC for April meeting. Historically NZC only look at contestable funding, not overall budget. Chair talks to budget and OWP. NZC make recommendation in relation to the overall budget. NZC after April meeting sends back recommendations to regions. Licence fees, levy and grants. HBFGC can submit feedback on recommendations. NZC makes final decision in June for licence fees, levy's and grants. Minister makes final decision on fees and NZC July clarifies licence fees, levy's and grants and final budget numbers. Region confirms in August. Regions can appeal to NZC if they disagree with NZC decisions.

Manager suggesting an access workshop. Identify key areas that can be addressed. Feedback to NZC. Minister was interested in what access was lost. Council had requested.

Chances of funding research project from NZC. 3 projects being submitted nationally for research fund. Forever chemicals in manawtu rivers and effect on trout. Drone technology for population monitoring. Chances good for the Tukituki river study as it is outstanding river in north island.

## 3. Regional Business

### 3.1 Operations Report



#### Operation Report General

Operations report taken as read.

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Gary Bowcock  
**Seconder:** Karl Goodchild  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 3.2 Lake & Reservoir Options

Discussion on horseshoe lake. Debate on suitable water quality and issues with perch. Test 50 fish as a test. Criteria for putting fish in. Access for angler conditions? Min 2 weekends a month with no limit of anglers during season.

Back paddocks lake? Owner not keen on access.

Winstones lake Roys hill open access.

Staff to negotiate different access arrangements.

### 3.3 Compliance & Ranger Report

#### 3.4 Finance Reports



##### finance report.

6.1 That the payments for 1st December 2024 to 31st January 2025 totaling \$216,816.02 be approved.

Current Account – January 2025 \$139,172.65

Credit Card (KM) – January 2025 \$2955.5

Total \$142,128.15

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025

**Mover:** Greg Duley

**Seconder:** Steve Evans

**Outcome:** Approved

#### 3.5 Licence Report

promotion on approaching best year.

loyal senior pattern.



##### Promotion & Analysis

Staff to look at a promotion on approaching best year for licence sales since 2015/16.

loyal senior licence sales pattern.

Regional specific licence sale demographics.

**Due Date:** 13 May 2025

**Owner:** Kerry Meehan

#### 3.6 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
10 Dec 2024	Staff Follow Ups <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Corina Jordan
10 Dec 2024	Huia loan <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Kerry Meehan
21 Jan 2025	.410 steel shot option <b>Status:</b> In Progress	John Lumsden
21 Jan 2025	Valuation policy <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Corina Jordan
17 Feb 2025	Electoral Roll <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Corina Jordan

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
17 Mar 2025	Lake Tutira <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Corina Jordan
18 Mar 2025	HB Chair to NZ Chair <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Bruce Bates
18 Mar 2025	Fish release into Mangaone <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Corina Jordan

## 4. General Business

### 4.1 General business

Manager gave verbal update on the Botulism outbreak and events so far. Treated as HPAI, probable botulism or chemical spill.

Bodies can be disposed with Hastings DC at the landfill. Dig hole when birds dropped off and wait while it is covered back up. Take birds out of bags. open bags Staff to follow up. Make public warning to prevent dogs from eating carcasses. Lagoon farm check. Needs to be a NZ register and identify the areas where it is occurring. National database?

If HPAI seabirds will be first affected.

Members from Peka Peka shooters assn presented concerns. Local iwi are wanting to use as a freedom camping site. What rights to hunters have. Wants to provide accomodation and hunting opportunities.

Manager to contact HBRC. Gus Thompson Pekapeka shooters. 7 owners iwi owners. Staff to investigate. 021820653.



#### Botulism

Received information.

**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Karl Goodchild  
**Seconder:** Gary Bowcock  
**Outcome:** Approved



#### Brownrigg Access for Swan

Access for shooters, signs on gates with contacts for hunters. Check to see if we can promote.

**Due Date:** 21 May 2025  
**Owner:** John Lumsden

Mana whenua workshop.

Steve, Greg and Karl are away April.

5-9 best time. June evening. Date TBC with Ueha Environmental and communicated to Council.

Truescope report. article today, ngai tahu case. partnership with crown on fresh water management. Council should have a look and look at case.



#### Pekapeka wetland

Manager to contact HBRC. Gus Thompson Pekapeka shooters. 7 owners iwi owners. Staff to investigate. 021820653.

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## 5. Public Excluded

### 5.1 Public excluded session



#### Move to public excluded to discuss Operations Management.

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**Decision Date:** 18 Mar 2025  
**Mover:** Greg Duley  
**Seconder:** Peter Coles  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 6. Close Meeting

### 6.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

### New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
1.8	Risk Register Amendments <b>Due Date:</b> 13 May 2025	Corina Jordan, Kerry Meehan
1.9	H&S Actions <b>Due Date:</b> 13 May 2025	Kerry Meehan
3.5	Promotion & Analysis <b>Due Date:</b> 13 May 2025	Kerry Meehan
4.1	Brownrigg Access for Swan <b>Due Date:</b> 21 May 2025	John Lumsden
4.1	Pekapeka wetland <b>Due Date:</b> 13 May 2025	John Lumsden

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_