

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL MEETING

At the **HBFGC Interim Meeting** on **24 Feb 2026** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name: Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
Date: Tuesday, 20 January 2026
Time: 6:00 pm to 9:12 pm (NZDT)
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, Steve Evans
Attendees: John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater, Kerry Meehan

1. Opening Meeting 6pm

1.1 Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda & General Business

Mssr Gary Bowcock would like to discuss the new arms bill that is out for public consultation & submissions.

1.3 Conflict of interest

All councillors signed the register.

1.4 Confirm Minutes

HBFGC Meeting 18 Nov 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council Meeting 10 Dec 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Meeting minutes 18 November 2025

That the minutes from 18th November 2025 are a true and accurate record.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Greg Duley
Outcome: Approved



Meeting Minutes 10 December 2025

That the minutes from 10th December 2025 are a true and accurate record.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved

1.5 Matters arising from minutes

Minutes for 18 November

No information on the discussion on Legislative changes. Discussion around the legislative changes and base for submission.

More information to include in the Nursery Agreement and note the changes between Te Ngahere Ltd & The Pa Ltd. Current agreement not with a legal entity. Include business number in new agreement.



Send council draft AGM minutes

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Due Date: 23 Jan 2026
Owner: Kerry Meehan

1.6 Health & Safety Report



Health & Safety Report

That the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council accept the Health & Safety Report.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026
Mover: Jeff Niblett
Seconder: Karl Goodchild
Outcome: Approved

2. Discussions & Decisions

2.1 Annual Report

Msr Coles notes anomalies within the report: Chairman claims on increase in licence sales in report, reported numbers of licence sales sold for season and reported income in financial reports, explanation requested from accountant. Error on page 31, number does not match financial report. Msr Goodchild notes a discrepancy with the timesheet report provided by manager and reported hours in the accounts spreadsheet.

Msr Coles notes that Public interface takes 30% of total licence income and Game Park takes 80% of that.

Msr Goodchild would like a finance committee formed.



Finance Committee

Msr Goodchild moves to form a finance committee to analyse financial management.

Committee members:
Karl Goodchild
Lyndon Slater
Steve Evans

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026

Mover: Karl Goodchild
Seconded: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved



Meeting with Accountant

Meeting with the accountant to discuss queries on the 2024-25 accounts.

Due Date: 27 Jan 2026
Owners: Bruce Bates, Karl Goodchild, Kerry Meehan, Lyndon Slater, Steve Evans

2.2 Fish & Game Reforms

There will be little time for council to make a submission and may be passed under urgency and not go to select committee. Concerns on increase in DOC oversight. Concerns on minister vetoing abilities and powers to appoint councillors that will be paid, should not have voting rights.

Mssr Bowcock. No 5. Statutory functions Advocacy functions - falls outside F&G statutory functions, limits our advocacy abilities.

Oppose vetoing abilities and not allowing voting rights for appointed councillors.

Council believes regional council numbers should be between 8-12 members.



Draft Submission on F&G Reforms

Manager to draft a submission to the minister on proposed reforms and circulate to council for feedback.

Due Date: 31 Jan 2026
Owner: Lyndon Slater

2.3 Education Trust Deed

All council are satisfied with the purpose for setting up a trust. Mssr B Slavin questioning the name proposed. Should there be a local focus in the name? Hawkes Bay Conservation/Environmental training trust? The potential to grow the trust nationally. No land or buildings will be involved, it's a vehicle to deliver the education programs. Name to reflect the environmental aspects.

6.2 Change requirement to 2 F&G trustees, not up to 2. Mssr Coles requests a face to face meeting with a partner from Sainsbury Logan. Potential issue with 'shall be'

6.2b Can we allow past HBF&G members to be trustees.

Mss Bowcock, can a donor become a trustee? Yes that is acceptable.

Chairman should have ability to have a casting vote, incase number drops to even number. If tied vote trust should do more work on the subject to get past.

Mssr Evans, Staffing issues and thin on the ground. Separate duties between F&G & trust. Staff will be employed or be contracted from F&G. What is vision for FTE for the trust? 1 FTE employee.

Time limit on how much money is put to the trust and time limits in the OWP. Prevision on the time allowed for trust to be successful? Assessed on a yearly basis with OWP preparation.

Chair organise In person meeting with council and Sainsbury Logan partner.



Meeting with Sainsbury Logan Partner

Chair to organise meeting with Partner of Sainsbury Logan to discuss clarification around clause 4 and clause 6 in the trust deed.

Due Date: 23 Feb 2026

Owners: Bruce Bates, Lyndon Slater

2.4 NZC Crop Depredation Policy

Staff recommendations for Hawke's Bay feedback to draft policy. Suggested policy will be time consuming for staff to implement and impractical.



Feedback on draft depredation policy

Council approve staff to send feedback to NZC on draft depredation policy.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved

3. Regional Business

3.1 Operations Report

Report taken as read.

Horseshoe lake update. Main owner is happy to provide access for boat access. Opportunity to gain access close to the lodge. Discuss with other landowners having access around the lake. Health and safety implications if F&G provide boats and boat maintenance. Access will be challenging to get boats to water due to lodge access.

Roys Hill lake is subject to treaty claim and has a small number of fish currently. Install signs but gates are locked outside quarry business hours.

Botulism outbreak. Mssr B Slavin questioning NCC council obligations to respond to outbreak. Staff have been liaising with NCC and pushing back the obligations to the NCC to handle these situations.

3.2 Finance Reports



Payments

Payments for 1st September to 31st October 2025 totalling \$161,858.39 be approved.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026
Mover: Peter Coles
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved

3.3 Licence Report

Taken as read

3.4 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
21 Jan 2025	Valuation policy Status: In Progress	Lyndon Slater
17 Mar 2025	Lake Tutira Status: In Progress	Davey Jones, John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
22 Jul 2025	Esk River investigation Status: In Progress	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
22 Jul 2025	Compliance Protocols/guidance Status: In Progress	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
21 Sept 2025	Compliance Status: In Progress	Kerry Meehan
30 Sept 2025	Tutaekuri river spawning investigations Status: In Progress	Davey Jones, John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
14 Oct 2025	Four wheel drive vehicles Status: In Progress	John Lumsden
14 Oct 2025	Written response to cncr Coles Status: Completed on 28 Jan 2026	Corina Jordan
11 Nov 2025	RMA submission Status: Not Started	Lyndon Slater
18 Nov 2025	Letter to NZC Status: Not Started	Lyndon Slater
20 Jan 2026	Body Cameras for Rangers Status: In Progress	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
20 Jan 2026	Horseshoe Lake Status: In Progress	John Lumsden
20 Jan 2026	Dr Death river study Status: In Progress	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
20 Jan 2026	Tukituki river water storage scheme Status: Not Started	Lyndon Slater
20 Jan 2026	Education Trust Status: In Progress	Bruce Bates, Kerry Meehan
20 Jan 2026	Ranger Options Status: In Progress	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
24 Feb 2026	Letter to NZC re letters in Annual Report Status: Not Started	Bruce Bates, Lyndon Slater
24 Mar 2026	Review of Nursery Agreement with The Pa Status: Not Started	Lyndon Slater

4. General Business

4.1 General business

Update on Dr Death study. We've been advised he is unwell and will be in touch with us when he is better.



Mohaka river hydro easement

Hydro easement walking access on Mohaka river. Meetings in May last year for Mohaka walking easement. No report back on results of that meeting. Liaise with WAC rep to clarify

Due Date: 24 Feb 2026

Owner: John Lumsden

Mssr Bowcock: Consultation is out for the Firearms bill. Write in if in agreement with proposal as well as opposed. Mssr Bowcock supports the proposed legislation. Go into Govt website and search firearms bill.



Lake Rununga

Provide council updates on the HBRC outcomes from Lake Rununga and resolutions to the weir compliance.

Due Date: 24 Mar 2026

Owners: Bruce Bates, Davey Jones, John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater

5. Public Excluded

5.1 Public excluded session



Move to public excluded

HBFGC agree to move to public excluded session to confirm minutes of previous meetings.

Decision Date: 20 Jan 2026

Mover: Blair Slavin

Seconder: Henry Melville

Outcome: Approved

6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: HBFGC Interim Meeting - 24 Feb 2026, 6:00 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
1.5	Send council draft AGM minutes Due Date: 23 Jan 2026	Kerry Meehan
2.1	Meeting with Accountant Due Date: 27 Jan 2026	Bruce Bates, Karl Goodchild, Kerry Meehan, Lyndon Slater, Steve Evans
2.2	Draft Submission on F&G Reforms Due Date: 31 Jan 2026	Lyndon Slater
2.3	Meeting with Sainsbury Logan Partner Due Date: 23 Feb 2026	Bruce Bates, Lyndon Slater
4.1	Mohaka river hydro easement Due Date: 24 Feb 2026	John Lumsden
4.1	Lake Rununga Due Date: 24 Mar 2026	Bruce Bates, Davey Jones, John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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