

FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND

NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT
10AM ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

Present: Owen Baigent
Jean Willis
Guy Gardiner
Nev Gane
Wayne McDonald
Bill O'Leary

In Attendance

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer
Jacob Lucas	Field Officer
Vaughan Lynn	Field Officer Remotely (part meeting)
Chris Golding	Department of Conservation Representative
from 11.30 until 12 noon	

The Manager took the chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Inaugural Meeting of the 12th Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council. Each Councillor and Staff member introduced themselves.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations for the position of Chair were called. Bill O'Leary nominated Owen Baigent to the position this was seconded by Guy Gardiner no further nominations were received.

The Manager vacated the Chair.

Owen Baigent took the chair welcomed everyone.

1. APOLOGIES

Nick King, Kylie Sargeant, Darran Kerei-Keepa
(Ngai Tahu Representative)

It was noted with disappointment that the first meeting was not attended by all Council members.

The Chair explained the role of the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Owen Baigent
Guy Gardiner
Jean Willis
Wayne McDonald

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The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of the New Zealand Fish and Game Councillor. Bill O'Leary was nominated unopposed. It was agreed that Guy Gardiner would be support for Bill and if considered appropriate by NZ Council Guy would attend some NZ Council meetings with Bill, with the view of learning what this position entailed

Councillor Nev Gane was elected to be an approved bank signatory along with Councillor Jean Willis who is currently a signatory and the Manager Rhys Barrier and the Office Manager Karen Crook.

Council Meeting Dates

It was agreed to reschedule the December 9th meeting and presentation of the Annual Performance Report to December 16th.

It was agreed that the meeting dates would be the third Monday bimonthly, starting at 10am and the meeting place would alternate between Blenheim, Nelson.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

The following urgent business was identified and added as a late agenda item, Letter from Minister for Hunting and Fishing Todd McClay seeking the new Council's views on several questions concerning the future look of Fish and Game.

It was agreed that this would be discussed after lunch.

4. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Annual Agenda was presented and agreed on.

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified. Councillor Wayne McDonald advised he had nothing to declare on the register that is presented at each meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

C1/11/24 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2024
MEETING BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF
THE MEETING. J Willis/N Gane CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

No matters were raised.

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6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted, and the manager updated the Council on an opportunity to utilise Fran Foster to review our current H/S operating system/identify any gaps for the region to manage this area of liability/prosecution risk for our Governors and the manager as best as is practicably possible.

It was requested that the last 6months of the Risk Register be printed and available at each meeting for inspection.

C2/11/24 MOVE THAT FINANCE OF UP TO \$5K FROM THIS FINANCIAL YEAR'S BUDGET BE DIRECTED TO ENGAGE FRAN FOSTER TO REVIEW OUR CURRENT HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES AND MANUALS. N Gane/G Gardiner CARRIED

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

**C3/11/24 MOVE THAT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTTALLING \$109,105.94 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
G Gardiner/B O'Leary CARRIED**

The Financial reports to 31 October 2024 were tabled and accepted.

8. DOC Liaison

Chris Golding was welcomed to the meeting and introduced. Chris updated the meeting on topics of interest including

- Access Charter for Recreational Hunting and Fishing on Public Conservation Land and Waters.
- Internal Department of Conservation Fish & Game coordination group of which he is a member.
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9. AON INSURANCE VALUATION OF BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS

**C4/11/24 MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM AON TO UNDERTAKE A VALUATION PROGRAM ON THE OFFICE AND GARAGE AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD.
G Gardiner/N Gane CARRIED**

10. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

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C5/11/24 MOVE THAT THE 2025 GAME NOTICE BE APPROVED WITH NO CHANGES OTHER THAN DATES FROM THE 2024 NOTICE AND PENDING NO MAJOR CHANGERS IN THE TREND COUNTS UNDERTAKEN IN JANUARY
G Gardiner/B O'Leary CARRIED

11. LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR HUNTING AND FISHING TODD MCCLAY

The Manager took detailed notes and will collate these and get the Chair to approve before responding to the Minister, a copy of the response will be attached to the next minutes for confirmation.

1. CORRESPONDENCE.

noted.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS.

Standing Orders will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Councillor Nev Gane reported that he had attended Karearea Supporters Event and noted that hunters from Fish & Game were thanked for their support in donating meat for the falcons in the speeches.

The Chair thanked all Council members for standing and made himself available anytime for Councillors to contact him.

MEETING CLOSED 2.50 pm

CHAIRMAN *O. F. Baggett* DATED 16.12 2024.