

FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT
10AM ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2025, AT 22 GEE STREET, RENWICK.**

Present: Owen Baigent (Chair)
Guy Gardiner
Bill O'Leary
Wayne McDonald
Nick King
Kylie Sargeant
Jonathan Trolove

In Attendance

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Stacey Wrenn	DOC Representative 11.30 to 12.00

The Chair welcomed Councillor Jonathan Trolove, Jonathan gave a brief outline of his background.

- 1. APOLOGIES** Nev Gane, Darran Kerei-Keepa (Ngai Tahu Representative).

C1/09/25 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.
N King/K Sargeant CARRIED

- 2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER**

No urgent business was tabled. No changes to the agenda order were made.

- 3. 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.

- 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES**

C2/09/25 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2025 MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
B O'Leary/G Gardiner CARRIED

- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE**

No matters were raised.

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6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and a copy of the NM F&G Health Safety and Wellbeing Audit Report prepared by Fran Foster was tabled and made available to all Councillors. FO Lynn's non-work-related accident was discussed. ACC will assist the Manager and Vaughan on a return-to-work plan.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**C3/09/25 MOVE THAT THE JULY AND AUGUST ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT TOTALLING \$122,839.34 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
K Sargeant/W McDonald CARRIED**

The Financial reports to 31 August 2025 were tabled and accepted, noting these were pre-end of year audit adjustments.

8. NEW TIER 3 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

A new audit requirement has been introduced this year which requires a description of the purpose of each reserve, and the entity's plans for applying the reserve, and when the entity expects the reserve will be applied to advance the entity's objectives. Discussion was held on the Marlborough Junior Fish Development Reserve which will no longer be able to be progressed due to Marlborough District Council requirements.

It was agreed in principle that the new objective and purpose of this fund is for it to be used for the engagement and enhancement of Family and Junior fishing in Marlborough.

That a portion to be used for regular programs including but not limited to.

- Accessible river and impoundment fish-out and festival days.
- Mentoring and travel to appropriate venues

Exploration and assessment of opportunities for controlled fishery creation and development.

That the use of reserve funds be considered by council with annual oversight and There be a full review and plan undertake every 3 years.

Council will revisit this proposal at the next meeting.

9. DOC Liaison *Stacey Wrenn Operations Manager South Marlborough.*

Stacey introduced herself and outlined her background to the Council. Topics of interest to the Council were discussed and updates were given on.

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- Molesworth Station's future and what the process will be in appointing a new operator.
- Local 1080 drops.
- Access to the Branch and Leatham for anglers and hunters.

10. COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK SESSION

Nil to report.

11. DRAFT INFRINGEMENT NOTICE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

It was agreed that the Manager would draft a response circulate via email to Councillors for consideration and comment, then get the Chair to sign and forward the regions response to NZC.

12. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

13. NZ COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Bill O'Leary (NZ Council Representative) reported on the 29-30 August meeting of the NZ Council main topics discussed

- Anglers Notice and process
- Health & Safety Audits
- Budget Recommendations.

14. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair reported he had attended a pukeko shoot in Gardiners Valley organised by staff, and that the Wairau Lagoons shoot was cancelled unfortunately.

The Chair also spoke with the auditor regarding their quote for the 24/25 financial year audit which he considered too high, as a result the price will remain the same as the 23/24 financial year.

MEETING CLOSED 2.40 pm

CHAIRMAN *J. J. Bayliss* DATED *9-12* 2025.

