



NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

BOARD PACK

for

NCFG Operational Work Plan and Budget Meeting

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

6:30 pm (NZDT)

Held at:

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH

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AGENDA

NCFG OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET MEETING



Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Wednesday, 26 March 2025
Time:	6:30 pm to 7:45 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), ANDY TANNOCK, CHRIS BRANKIN, DAVE BARRON, Dave Coll, NIALL COSTER, NIC MOODY, PHILLIP MUSSON
Apologies:	DEBBIE AMBLER
Guests/Notes:	Cr's Barron and Moody attended the meeting via video link. M Garrick (staff)

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

6:30 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

Cr Strong welcomed Councillors, and public

1.2 Karakia

6:35 pm (5 min)

CHRIS BRANKIN

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Thei mauri ora!

Translation:

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

1.3 Council time

6:40 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

For Discussion

Council discussion about future risks and issues.

Supporting Documents:

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1.4 Apologies

6:50 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

Apologies were given as stated.

1.5 Interests Register

6:55 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

Supporting Documents:

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2. FOR DECISION

2.1 New Agenda Item

7:00 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

For Decision

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2.2 New Agenda Item

7:10 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

For Decision

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3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 General Business

7:20 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

General business from Council.

4. STANDARD REPORTS

4.1 Standard Reports

7:25 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

1. Chairmans' Report (verbal)
2. NZC Report (Verbal)
3. Updates from Sub-Committees of Council (verbal)

4.2 Action List

7:30 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

Supporting Documents:

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5. PUBLIC SESSION

5.1 Public Session

7:35 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

6. FOR INFORMATION PAPERS

6.1 For Information Papers

For Information

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6.2 New Agenda Item

For Information

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7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

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

For Discussion

Risk . Communications with fed Farmers and Rural Farming Community

After seeing the fallout in Southland.

I believe we have more in common with the rural community when it comes to the understanding of

Where our food comes from (not a supermarket).

Access to our favorite fishing and hunting spots.

The removal of predators.

Impacts to our waterways

Rearing of our young fish and game birds

Feeding of our game birds

It has come to my attention that our council needs to establish a stronger and more effective link with Fed Farmers. This connection is crucial in mitigating any potential risks of fallout that could arise in the future.

By fostering a good level of communication with Fed Farmers, we can work together more efficiently and address any issues proactively. This collaboration would not only help in preventing problems but also ensure that our region remains resilient and well-prepared for any challenges that may come our way.

I believe that taking steps to improve our communication with Fed Farmers will be a positive move for our council and the community as a whole.

For Discussion

CSI Anglers review.

I propose that we need to submit CSI angling regs review, and I have a couple of suggestions that I believe would be beneficial for our anglers and the conservation of our Rivers and lakes.

Firstly, I propose that we recommend Lake Heron to be designated as a single barbless hook lake. This would help protect the fish population and improve the catch-and-release experience for our anglers. Additionally, I suggest that all salmon in Lake Heron be classified as sea-run salmon and fall under the rules of the season bag limit. This classification would ensure that we maintain a sustainable salmon population and provide a fair fishing experience for everyone.

Furthermore, I think it would be wise to consult on the possibility of implementing similar regulations for Lake Sumner. By aligning the rules for both lakes, we can create a consistent and sustainable fishing environment for our community.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on these recommendations and working together to finalize our submission for the CSI Anglers review. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Phillip Musson

Interests Register

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL



As of: 26 Mar 2025

Person	Organisation	Active Interests	Notice Date
ALAN STRONG	N/A	No Interest Recorded	13 Nov 2024
ANDY TANNOCK	Gamebird Habitat Trust	Chair	13 Nov 2024
CHRIS BRANKIN	Ministry for the Environment	Staff member	13 Nov 2024
DAVE BARRON	Tallarook Dairies, Nectar Group	Director of Company which leases land for the purpose of dairy farming, Owner of Nectar Group. Not involved in Fish and Game service or support decisions. Nectar now offers it's services free of charge to Fish & Game for service.	9 Nov 2021
DAVE COLL	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
NIALL COSTER	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
NIC MOODY	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
PHILLIP MUSSON	Fonterra	Shareholder Fonterra and ECAN Selwyn River Liaison Committee	13 Nov 2024

FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Matthew Garrick
Date: 18 March 2025
Subject: Access Project Lake Coleridge

Purpose

1. This document is to get Council decision on spending money from the Habitat and Access Reserve for improving access at Lake Coleridge.

For Decision

2. To approve spending from the Habitat and Access Reserve to fix the access to Ryton Bay boat launch.

Points of Information

3. The road to access the Ryton Bay toilet and boat launch has been degraded.
4. When Lake Coleridge is held high, and there is rain, a portion of the road becomes inundated with water (see attached photo). Some visitors to the lake turn around and leave after seeing the track, while others have created another access track through vegetation and across the beach.
5. Between mid-November and early January, there were many complaints from anglers to the office about the condition of this access.
6. Selwyn District Council (who maintains the toilet) will not commit to any contribution toward fixing the road.
7. A site visit with contractor (Dylan Wear) and Councillor Dave Coll determined the scope of the work required to fix the issue.
8. The fix will require a culvert, ~150 cubic meters of gravel, and a small amount of digger work, with an estimated cost of ~\$14,000 excl GST.

Recommendation

9. Approve spending of ~\$14,000 on repairing the Ryton Bay access to Lake Coleridge.



FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Matthew Garrick
Date: 18 March 2025
Subject: Vehicle Replacement

Purpose

1. This document is to get Council decision on spending money from the Asset Replacement Fund and General Reserves to replace MZL425 (Triton recently sold).

For Decision

2. To approve spending from the Asset Replacement Fund (ARF) and General Reserves to replace a fleet vehicle in the near term.

Points of Information

3. One Mitsubishi Triton of the vehicle fleet was recently sold so there is a present need for replacement.
4. A quote for a new Hilux with all accessories (4WD tyres, snorkel, towbar, deck liner, seat covers, mats, and canopy) is \$59,288.92 GST excl
5. The current status of the ARF (with the sale of the Triton) is \$47,191.93. A total of \$12,096.99 out of General Reserves is required to cover the shortfall.
6. In the coming months, the staff are planning to sell the Mitsubishi PHEV, and replace it with a cheaper, more efficient, run around town vehicle. The cost savings from this replacement can be used to reimburse the shortfall of this purchase covered by General Reserves.

Recommendation

7. Approve spending of \$59,288.92 from a combination of spending from the ARF (\$47,191.93) and General Reserves (\$12,096.99) to replace the Triton that was sold out of the vehicle fleet with a Toyota Hilux.

Action List

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL



As of: 15 Apr 2025

Building Relationships with Ngai Tahu

On Hold

Cr Strong and T Anglem (Ngai Tahu) to discuss how to best progress a governance relationship between NCFG and Ngai Tahu.

NOTE DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 2024

Hold until a new Ngai Tahu representative is appointed.

Due Date: 22 May 2024

Owner: ALAN STRONG

Meeting: 22 Feb 2024 North Canterbury Fish & Game Council Meeting, 3.2 General Business

Discussion with Central South Island Regarding Management of Lake Heron & Melish Stream

In Progress

That Cr Barron to reignite discussions with Central South Island F&G.

Due Date: 21 Aug 2024

Owner: DAVE BARRON

Meeting: 24 Jul 2024 North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting, 1.5 Council Discussion on Issues and Risks That May Require Council Attention

Latest Update:

Meeting with CSI on the 4\09\2024

DAVE BARRON | 3 Sept 2024

Shooting Platform for the Disabled

Not Started

To bring back to Council information on the feasibility of a shooting platform for the disabled at Te Waihora or Muriwai Lakes.

A examination of potential benefits and challenges for a shooting platform for the disabled hunters within the North Canterbury region is underway, and will be presented to Council at their February 2024 workshop (revised date) in conjunction with the educational and promotional strategy for game bird hunting.

Note: to be discussed at the February 2025 governance workshop.

Due Date: 16 Feb 2025

Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

Meeting: 25 Sept 2024 NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 4.2 Action List

Latest Update:

As R Gabrielsson no longer with NCFG, Cr Strong to progress.

DEBBIE AMBLER | 25 Feb 2025

Development of an Educational and Promotional Strategy for Gamebird Hunting

In Progress

A draft educational and promotional strategy is being formulated, in collaboration with key stakeholder groups and treaty partners. It is anticipated that a Draft Strategy will be presented to Council at their workshop in February 2025 (revised date).

Note: to be discussed at the February 25 governance workshop.

Due Date: 28 Feb 2025

Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

Meeting: 17 Feb 2021 COUNCIL MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2021, 1.4 ACTION SHEET

Latest Update:

As R Gabrielsson no longer with NCFG, Cr Stong to progress.

DEBBIE AMBLER | 25 Feb 2025

Meeting with NZSAA

Not Started

That a meeting be organised between the NZSAA committee and NCFG Council relating to the state of the salmon fishery.

Due Date: 21 May 2025

Owner: ALAN STRONG

Meeting: 19 Feb 2025 NCFG COUNCIL MEETING, 1.3 Council time

FOR INFORMATION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Emily Craig
Date: March 2025
Subject: FISHING REGULATIONS REVIEW CONSULTATION

Purpose

1. Inform the Council of the minor tweaks to fishing regulations and other regulations staff intend to consult on for this year.

Proposed Recommendations

2. Propose to consult further with Flock Hill Station on changes to opening dates for the following waters:
 - a. Winding Creek
 - b. Lake Blackwater

If agreement by Flock Hill Station to go ahead, public consultation will go forward.

3. Corrections to fix minor errors.

Points of Information

4. We usually conduct our regionwide regulations review on a two-year basis.
5. In the intervening year, we normally only make adjustments for corrections and or clarity.
6. Initial feedback from Flock Hill Station where Winding Creek and Lake Blackwater are located have indicated that the previous season restrictions may no longer be necessary.
7. The current season opening date (10th December) was changed for the 2013 Anglers Notice due to landowner imposed closure for lambing, and to avoid exclusive capture of the waterway during this period.

Next steps

1. Staff will consult further with Flock Hill Station regarding opening Winding Creek and Lake Blackwater to open earlier to align with other high-country openings on 1st Saturday in November (currently 10th December opening).
2. If consultation with Flock Hill Station is positive, staff will put this recommendation forward for public consultation.
3. Feedback from this consultation and recommendations will be collated for Council for the May Council meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Matthew Garrick
Date: March 2025
Subject: TE WAIHORA ACCESS

Purpose

1. Inform the Council of recent developments with hunter access to Greenpark Sands

Points of Information

2. F&G has been a part of an access group (SDC, TRONT, DOC) around managing access to Greenpark Sands and reducing damage to sensitive wetland plants for the last two years.
3. The conversation was leading to a major restriction to game bird hunter access that would have led to the end of duck hunting at Greenpark Sands.
4. A recent meeting between DOC and F&G around this issue was productive in a positive direction.
5. Duck hunters will be allowed quad bikes with low pressure tyres to access the lake past the paper road and recently installed fence as conditions allow.
6. There is a risk to F&G in that continued issues with damage to the Sands will be addressed by increasing restrictions to access (i.e., open access for quads to F&G managed key access to access only from road ends).

Next steps

7. Walking access gates are being replaced by gates that are wide enough for quads, but not wide enough for vehicles.
8. Communications with game bird licence holders around the agreed access privilege to Greenpark Sands, as well as the consequences of continued damage to wetland habitats.
9. Engagement with hunting groups to get community support for proper access behaviour.