

# NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 16 August 2017

At the DoC Offices, 31 Nga Mahi Road, Sockburn

Commencing at 6.40 pm

### 1. Present:

**Councillors:** Trevor Isitt (Chair), John Cumberpatch, Peter Robinson, Bruce Kelly, Alan Strong, Malcolm Gilbert, Craig Maylam, Chris Brankin  
**Staff:** Rod Cullinane, Debbie Ambler, Dirk Barr, Richard Cosgrove  
**Public:** Steve McNeill

### 2. Apologies:

**Councillors:** Denis Kelliher, Ron Stuart, Phillip Musson, Ken Lee  
**Staff:** Emily Arthur-Moore, Steve Terry, Tony Hawker, Scott Pearson, Ryton Barr

**"That the apologies be accepted."**

**Moved: Cr Kelly                      Seconded: Cr Maylam                      CARRIED**

Cr Isitt welcomed S McNeill and Chris Brankin, the new Ngai Tahu representative to the meeting. C Brankin then gave a summary of his background.

### 3. Notification of General Business

Nil.

### 4a. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

**"That the minutes from 14 June 2017 be accepted".**

**Moved: Cr Robinson                      Seconded: Cr Maylam                      CARRIED**

### 4b. Matters Arising

Cr Kelly to be added to the attendees of the Council meeting dated 14 June 2017.

Items taken off the Action Sheet

- i. ECAN / NCF&G Councillor meeting -15 February 2017
- ii. "Meet the Public" meeting – 19 April 17
- iii. To reference ECAN Polices on Protection of Rivers/Streams on NCF&G website – 19 April 17
- iv. Put in Both Barrels – the use of manuka and kanuka when building maimais - 19 April 17
- v. Convey to CSI, NCF&G support for Salmon Symposium

## 5. Health and Safety Update

A fuller report was presented on the status of the H&S manual and outcomes from the staff H&S meeting.

## 6. Public Session

S McNeill questioned access to F&G website. R Cosgrove gave explanation. S McNeill questioned the purchase of the Nitrogen Data Logger and stated the money could have been better spent on providing funding for a PhD student to complete research on sea surface temperatures v salmon returns and asked if this subject could be directed through the work plan in the future.

## 7. Meeting Business

### 7a i Code of Conduct for Sports Fishing

Discussion on the minor changes to the Code of Conduct with the following being noted;

That the "Code" was too wordy with the summary only being printed in the Regulations booklet; that the short version of the "code" does not mirror the longer version.

D Ambler to email R Sowman of points raised.

### 7a ii Budget Policy for Consultation as National Policy

R Cullinane reported on recommendations for standard operating procedures relating to financial management recording and reporting. Four categories of Reserve were identified to be streamlined relating to the purpose and use of these Reserves as there were inconsistencies around the regions on terms and meanings.

### 7a iii Non Resident Reserve

Approval was sought to offset hatchery expenses used in support of the back country fishery. It was noted there has never been a value placed on costs relating to high country releases.

Approval was also sought to reimburse for fencing costs for Mt White Station from the Reserve as well.

**That \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Non Resident Reserve to offset hatchery expenses used in high country fish releases and \$11,500.00 transferred to pay for fencing at Mt White Station."**

Moved: Cr Cumberpatch

Seconded: Cr Kelly

CARRIED

Discussion followed on the annual release programme and the need to put costs against releases and to put larger fish in strategic lakes.

The Lake Lyndon fishing day has been set for Sunday 10 December 2017 and ready to be notified to the public. There will be a minimum of 500 fish ready for this event. R Cosgrove to put on web site. Cr Isitt to seek sponsorship. Cr Robinson to book Lake Lyndon Lodge.

### 7a iv Reparation

Cr Isitt requested the matter of Reparation be reviewed due to internal pressures on time and financial ramifications of paying court appearance fees for a Crown Solicitor.

Discussion on how reparation would work within the NC F&G framework followed. Income from reparation would be ring-fenced for specific projects with suggestions of promotion/education of rules and regulations and/or habitat.

R Cullinane to investigate policy on monetary values per type of offence. D Ambler to send National Reparation Policy to Councillors.

**“That NC F&G adopt the National Reparation Policy”.**

**Moved: Cr Isitt**

**Seconded: Cr Kelly**

**CARRIED**

**4 For 1 Against**

Given the legality of Reparation, R Cullinane requested that he abstain from signing documents where reparation is offered.

**7a v DoC’s Revised Thinking of its Interrelationship with Tourism**

To be held over until the next Council meeting. D Ambler to note.

**7a vi ECAN / NCF&G Councillor Meeting**

R Cullinane explained that ECAN had revised their key partner list when making decisions, which NC F&G was on and was required to be notified on issues as an affected party. ECAN was wanting to formalise this by a Memorandum of Understanding.

After discussion on the Chertsey/Barhill fish screen testing, it was agreed that an independent assessor was required. A Strong was asked to provide further information for discussion with ECAN when developing assessment criteria.

**7b ii Salmon Symposium**

Dates: 11 / 12 November 2017 in Ashburton. Costs to be met by CSI and NCF&G reserves. Further planning meeting to be held Monday 21 August 2017.

**7b iii Building Opening**

Date of opening; 30 September 2017. R Cullinane to confirm date the Christchurch Mayor. An invitation list to be compiled by R Cullinane and D Ambler. R Cullinane to talk to C Brankin about Ngai Tahu involvement.

**7b iv 2018 Council Elections**

The paper outlined the clarification on licence category eligibility for candidates. D Ambler to reply to R Sowman as paper was noted.

**8. Reports**

**8a Chairman's Report** - Cr Isitt reported on the meeting held with the Chairman and Regional Manager of CSI F&G. He spoke of the unpleasantness of the meeting and on the subjects raised by CSI. Cr Isitt stated he and the NCF&G Council and staff are committed to having a good continued relationship with CSI.

**8b Staff Report**

1121 **Andromous Salmon Harvest Survey** – report to be submitted at October meeting.

1141 **Hatcheries** – D Barr reported the fish release and the stakeholder's meeting held at Bully Creek and the fish release at Whiskey Creek were both well attended and a great success.

1331 **Access Signage** – D Barr reported that due to the regulation changes made for the 2017/18 Fishing season, that full replacement of access signage would need to be completed in the eastern zone's of all rivers.

**8c Financial Report**

After discussing income, Cr Isitt stated that initiatives to get public back buying licences needed to be thought about.

**8d NZC Report**

Cr Cumberpatch reported the new CEO of Fish and Game New Zealand, Martin Taylor, had been announced and would taking up the position on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**8e Fresh Waters Programme**

P Robinson commended Hatchery staff on the quality of fish being reared in schools. Cr Isitt reported he would be attending meetings at Ryman Healthcare, Cantackle and Cancare to further beneficial relationships. .

**8f Building Report**

R Cullinane reported there were just a few issues to be sorted prior to signoff. Planting would be underway in the next couple of weeks.

**Public Excluded Session**

"To move into Public Excluded session of the meeting"

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Robinson

Carried

"To move out of Public Excluded session and back into a Public session of the meeting"

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Kelly

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05.pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting: 18 October 2017 commencing at 6.30pm 595 Johns Road, Harewood