

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING

At the **North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting** on **17 Nov 2022** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Thursday, 22 September 2022
Time:	6:30 pm to 9:50 pm (NZST)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	CHRIS BRANKIN, DAVE BARRON, DAVE COLL, GRAEME NAHKIES, KEN LLOYD, NIAL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT, ALAN STRONG (Chair)
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, Rasman Gabrielsson
Guests/Notes:	Corina Jordon (CEO NZ Fish and Game Council), Ray Grubb (Chairman NZ Fish and Game Council), Staff - Lyndon Slater, Ritchie Cosgrove, Harry Graham-Samson, Emily Craig, Larry Burke, Peter Trollove, Mike Ager, David Kirkness, Nick Moody, Jim Grierson, Paul Hodgson

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

Cr Strong welcomed Corina Jordan (CEO New Zealand Fish and Game Council) and Ray Grubb (Chairman New Zealand Fish and Game Council) and attendees.

A health and safety brief was given.

1.2 Karakia

1.3 Interests Register

1.4 Minutes Confirmed Via On Line Voting

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING 21 Jul 2022, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 Application to Hold a Fishing Competition - NZSAA

Season bag limit applies for catch on day of competition.



Application to Hold a Fishing Competition - NZSAA

That approval is given for the NZSAA to hold their annual Waimakariri River salmon fishing competition on 11 March 2023.

Decision Date: 22 Sep 2022
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved



Fishing Competitions and Season Bag Limit

Staff to provide an explanation regarding bag limit rules when competing in a fishing competitions to go out on social media.

Due Date: 31 Oct 2022
Owner: Rasman Gabrielsson

3. FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Game Bird Regulations Review

The communication processes through social media and how to better NCFG's engagement with stakeholders was discussed.

Process for the Game Bird hunting regulations review submissions was explained, with a summary of public and staff's recommendations going to NCFG council meeting in November 2022.

4. NZC GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 NZC CEO Corina Jordan

Corina Jordan gave her background prior to her appointment as CEO of Fish and Game New Zealand. C Jordan then outlined her vision on what Fish and Game New Zealand would look like in the future. She saw the biggest challenges were in retaining F&G's social licence, changing the current culture and its leadership model to improve how regions collectively work on enhancing our social licence and culture of F&G.

4.2 NZC Chairman Ray Grubb

Mr Ray Grubb, Chairman of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) and the Chairman of the Implementation Steering Group who is responsible for the current F&G review was introduced.

He spoke of the F&G governance review, of the role of NZC governors, of the proposed national centralised funding model and what he thought was the future for the Resource Management Act and relationships with other organisations eg. Iwi, ministers of government.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 General Business

1. Staff to look at new fence blocking access at Lake Wairewa (Lake Forsyth)

2. Discussion on NCFG's shortfall regarding angler engagement including a higher level of communication to stakeholders
3. Monthly staff updates not being received by Council.
4. Reports to Council should be on what staff are doing and outcomes in relation to the five strategic priorities.
5. Council commended staff on technical reports and social media posts
6. Reports that the Ryton River has reclaimed some of the track - staff to look at during spawning counts around Lake Coleridge

6. STANDARD REPORTS

6.1 Chairman's Report

A brief discussion about the benefits and possibility of looking into setting up a Charitable Trust in the USA to receive donations, like the Auckland / Waikato Council have done, was held. It was broadly agreed that this matter could be something to look at. In addition, the frequency and benefits of having chair to chair meetings between ECan and Fish & Game Councils was discussed.

6.2 CEO Report

A discussion about the Standard Reports indicated that holding a workshop to consider changing the structure and format of staff reports to council may be a helpful step to focus reporting on the council's key priorities, but also satisfies ongoing requirements to report on statutory functions and OWP projects. It was agreed that a workshop to progress work on this topic be planned.

6.3 Finance Report

6.4 Health and Safety Report

Additional information about the near miss and new hazards reported was requested, and will be sent out separately.

6.5 Compliance Report

6.6 NZC Report

A brief update on NZC's use of its Executive Committee and its intention to review the number of members it has (3 currently, but possibly 4 going forward) was provided, followed by a brief discussion. Governance Advisor Graeme Nahkies explained that the use of Executive Committees was generally considered an outdated practice and discredited concept, since they easily undermine council unity and erodes governance capacity. Executive Committees often risk becoming a mini-council which exclude non member from important decisions and information.

6.7 RMA Report

It was acknowledged that it would be a long process to seek clarification on potential breaches of key water takes and / or water diversion resource consent conditions, as well as the ECan's ability to investigate non-compliance with the Rakaia WCO. Council and the public were informed that in addition to the Rakaia WCO process NC Fish & Game are also meeting with local representatives from LINZ to discuss current and future management and protection of public land, and to explore if some form of MOU may help improve communication pathways around issues relating to statutory functions aimed at protecting environmental values and public access.

7. PUBLIC SESSION

7.1 Public Session

NZSAA Chairman stated oxygen meters are currently being used in the Waimakariri River to collect scientific data on water temperatures.

The AGM of the NZSAA was to be held in a few weeks time, with the 50th anniversary celebrations being held on 20 November at the Kaiapoi Working Men's Club.

8. FOR INFORMATION

8.1 2022-23 10 Year Management Plan Proposed Framework - Draft

8.2 NCFG Gamebird Trend Count Report 2022

8.3 NCFG Sea-Run Salmon Harvest Assessment and Spawning Counts Report 2022

8.4 FIF Annual Report - Year 1

8.5 Winnemem Wintu Letter to NC & CSI Councils

9. DISCUSSION ON FOR INFORMATION PAPERS

9.1 Discussion on For Information Papers

Council discussion of the for information papers centered around the need to:

1. 10 Year Management Plan - convene a workshop for governance input to the SFGM plan review and structure.
2. Winnemem Wintu Letter - the need for project resourcing to be discussed, to ensure council are as currently NCFG OWP budget and would be taking away staff from NCFG work priorities. It was agreed that it would be useful if original DVD of Winnemem Wintu Tribe's first visit to NZ be released over social media, if possible.

In addition, council was also updated by project governors and staff that the planned land purchase for the high-country wetland and waterways project FIF project was now close to being finalised.

10. Close Meeting

10.1 Close the meeting

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

Approved decisions made between meetings



FLYING MINUTE - COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 21 JULY 2022

That the minutes from the NCFG Council meeting dated 21 July 2022 be accepted.

6 Supported: ALAN STRONG , DAVE BARRON , DAVE COLL , GRAEME NAHKIES , KEN LLOYD , NIALL COSTER

1 Opposed: PHILLIP MUSSON

0 Abstained:

Decision Date: 25 Aug 2022

Outcome: Approved

Signature: _____

Date: _____