

Minutes of the Extraordinary Southland Fish & Game Council meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 by Zoom video conference commencing at 7.00pm

The Country was currently in Level 4 lockdown restrictions.

The Chairman opened the meeting acknowledging the Manager & Staff for their work at home at Level 4, lockdown restrictions.

7.03 pm Resolved (Withington /Hartstonge)

**Council move into a Public Excluded session of the meeting.**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

**That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, to discuss:**

- a. **Game season 2020 Consideration under COVID-19 restrictions.**
- b. The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER</b>	<b>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION</b>
Game Season 2020 considerations under COVID19 restrictions.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982</b>	<b>SECTION</b>	<b>PLAIN ENGLISH REASON</b>	<b>WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED</b>
a	To avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health & safety of members of the Public	Sec. 9(2)(c)	Discuss options for the game bird 2020 season & maintaining the safety of licence holders and staff.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.

**Note**

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and  
(b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

**Time: 8.23pm** Resolved: (Harris/Withington)

**To move out of Public Excluded and back into a Public meeting.**

***Resolved Stenning/Hartstonge That the resolutions passed in the public excluded session today be brought into the public meeting. Carried.***

Those resolutions were:

***Resolved Cochrane/Hartstonge the Southland Council supported delaying the opening weekend with a nationally consistent opening day determined by NZC and request that the Southland game bird season for 2020 be extended by two weeks to finish on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020.***  
Carried with 3 against (Cr Macgregor, Cr Horrell & Cr Norman).

***Resolved Hartstonge/Stenning that the game bird day licences be retained and aligned with the new opening date i.e only available to be sold on the Monday after the second weekend of opening date.***  
Carried.

Council thought it important that Hunters knew what Southland Council had recommended to the NZC.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed. 8.24pm.

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