

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT THE BRIDGE CLUB ROOMS, WESTPORT AT 7:00P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Owen Smith, Dean Phibbs, Mark Smith, David Heine.

In attendance: Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker), Chris Reynolds.

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apology from Jan Derks, Tim Shaw, Rob Roney and Bruce Erickson be accepted.**

Proposer: O Smith Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

AGENDA

The council agreed to move the Managers performance appraisal until after the public meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Reynolds enquired about enhancing the Buller river Salmon fishery. A discussion ensued covering previous history and options/costs involved in enhancing the fishery

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Manager recommended an action to promote the opportunities of standing for council in 2018.

Motion proposed: **That the Manager and Chair work on promotion of the elections and that this is added to the accumulative actions list.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

MINUTES

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the October 2017 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

Mr Phibbs enquired about the fish releases at George Brownlee's pond. A discussion ensued regarding the option for junior angling.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion proposed: **That the inwards correspondence be received.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

NZ COUNCIL - Release of Captive Reared Mallards

The Council reviewed the correspondence from the NZ Council regarding policy on captive reared mallards.

Motion proposed: **The West Coast region is not supportive of the releasing CRMs as a tool to augment wild populations.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **The West Coast region is supportive of releasing CRM's as a tool that could be used to hasten the recovery of the wild population.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **The West Coast region does not support the concept of 'put and take' operations where CRM's are released for the principal purpose of providing immediate hunting opportunity. – the reasons being animal welfare issues, the attraction of wild populations into these areas, and the ethics of the practice which conflicts with Fish and Game egalitarian principles.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: O Smith Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **The West Coast region does not accept the development of commercial enterprises run along the lines of many upland game operations for the reasons listed in the previous motion.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **The West Coast region requests that the NZ Council make the desire to have the permitting and full management of gamebirds in NZ known to the Minister as opposed to the current situation where the Director General of Conservation issues permits and manages game populations outside the hunting season.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

Mr Kelly is to construct a letter to the NZ Council with the above motions outlined as a response.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr Kelly advised the council of the application for a Hydro Electric Power Scheme on the Inangahua River and that he has contracted the services of Richard Allibone to conduct an independent review of the applicants AEE. Mr Kelly sought the approval of the Council to use the 'Hydro' Dedicated reserve to fund this work.

Motion proposed: **That the Council endorse the use of the Dedicated Reserve 'Hydro Fund' for the case.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Financial report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

Mr Kelly presented the pre-circulated operational report. Mr Heine enquired about the use of volunteers for Fish Surveys with a discussion ensuing about the program and a desire to use locals where possible.

Mr Phibbs offered to provide some instructional material on softbaiting for a Fish and Game magazine article.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

Mr Crosswell presented the Game Harvest Survey Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Game Harvest Survey report be received, and staff recommendations be adopted.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: O Smith Outcome: Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council report be received.**

Proposer: A Harris Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Mr Crosswell gave a review of the NZ Council Salmon Symposium held in Ashburton in October 2017.

STAFF MANUAL AND PERSONNEL POLICIES

Motion proposed: **That the amendments made to the Staff Manual and Personnel policies be adopted.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

MOU for Gloriavale

Motion proposed: **That the Wilderness Quest MOU be renewed.**

Proposer: D Heine Second: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

ANNUAL REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the Performance Report for the Year ended 2016/17 be received and accepted.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: M Smith Outcome: Carried

Time: 9:05pm

Motion proposed: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, managers performance appraisal.**

Proposer: A Harris Second: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

The general subject of each 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:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Consideration of Managers Performance	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:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
18.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.

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: 9:54pm

Motion proposed: **That the open meeting of the West Coast Fish and Game Council resumes.**

Proposer: A Harris Seconder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Meeting closed at 21:55 pm.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting opened at: 21:56

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Owen Smith, Dean Phibbs, Mark Smith, David Heine,

In attendance:) Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker), Chris Reynolds.

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair presented the 2017 Annual Report. Mr Kelly thanked the staff for their work and input.

Meeting closed at 22:01pm.

Chair..... Date.....