

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 AT RSA MEETING ROOM, GREYMOUTH AT 7:00P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Peter Bayliss (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Sam Speight, William Wilson, Dave Heine,

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Baylee Kersten (Senior Field Officer)

APOLOGIES: Colin Smith, Tim Shaw,

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Colin Smith and Tim Shaw be accepted.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

AGENDA

The Council agreed on the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance or requested an opportunity to present to Council.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were noted.

MINUTES

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

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

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

ADOPTION OF 2025/26 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Motion proposed: **That the Council adopts the 2025/26 strategic priorities composed at the March Council workshop.**

Proposer: P Bayliss **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair expanded on his pre-circulated report. The Council discussed structural change and involvement in future structure initiatives.

Motion proposed: **That the Council receives the Chairs Report and the Council supports the West Coast Region Chair's involvement in ongoing discussions regarding the 'North Canterbury Initiative' on a non-committal basis.**

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Sam Speight expanded on access discussions held at the meeting.

Motion proposed: That the Council receive the NZ Council report, and that the Council advise the NZ Council that West Coast Council supports the 4 bullet points to support women anglers.

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: That the Council request West Coast staff to workshop access challenges and opportunities and report these to NZ Council.

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

NZC POLICY FOR FEEDBACK:

The Council received and considered feedback to provide to the NZC regarding the following policies from NZC.

National Policy: Health, Safety & Wellbeing – NZ Council

Motion proposed: That the Council has no issues with the National Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy once adapted for regional implementation.

Proposer: P Bayliss **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

National Policy: RMA Policy – NZ Council

Motion proposed: That the Council has no issues with the policy and supports its implementation as National Policy.

Proposer: D Heine **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

National Policy: Lone Worker Policy – NZ Council

Motion proposed: The Council reviewed the policy and acknowledged the West Coast region operations and noted that Section 3.3 bullet point 4 relating to checking in when arriving at the work site is not practical and should be removed. The Council noted that the policy was also grammatically incorrect in numerous places and requires correction, e.g., Section 3.3 bullet points require verbs to be coherent.

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Manager's operational report.

Motion proposed: That the Operational Report be received.

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Council write to the NZ Council requesting that it reinstate fishing and gamebird hunting regulation publications in a hard copy booklet form, that covers all regions of New Zealand.**

Proposer: D Heine **Secunder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried
Abstained: Sam Speight

Motion proposed: **That the Council receive the Trout Surveys Report 2025 and its recommendations be adopted.**

Proposer: W Wilson **Secunder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Council receive the Paradise Shelduck Moulting Survey Report 2025 and adopt its recommendations.**

Proposer: S Speight **Secunder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Council receive the South Island Hunter Harvest Report, thanks the authors for the quality of the report, and note the highly significant hunter effort undertaken in the West Coast region from neighbouring regions' licence holders.**

Proposer: R Roney **Secunder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

OPERATIONAL WORKPLAN AND BUDGET.

The Council reviewed the pre-circulated workplan and budget.

Motion proposed: **That the Council approves the draft 2025/26 budget and adopts the pre-circulated 2025/26 Operational Workplan.**

Proposer: J Derks **Secunder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report.

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

Proposer: D Heine **Secunder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Health and Safety Report.

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

Proposer: J Derks **Secunder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Council received a copy of the Arms Act Review submission completed by NZ Fish & Game Council on behalf of the organisation.

Motion proposed: **The Council receives the correspondence.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list. The Council requested that Managers Performance appraisal is recorded as complete.

Motion proposed: **That Council receives the accumulative actions list with amendments noted.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

Meeting closed at 9.53pm.

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