

One hundred and forty-third meeting of the
New Zealand Fish and Game Council
Wellington

Friday 24th April 2020

via Microsoft Teams

Commencing 6:00 pm

PRESENT

NZ Councillors:

Noel Birchall, Lindsay Lyons (Chair), Dave Harris, Paul Blewman, Paul Shortis, Bill O'Leary, Andy Harris, Roy Knight, Rainsford Grubb, Dan Isbister, Nigel Juby, and Greg Duley.

In Attendance:

Martin Taylor Chief Executive, Carmel Veitch Finance, Jack Kós Policy Advisor, Brian Anderton Senior Communications Advisor, Richie Cosgrove Senior Communications Advisor, Steve Doughty Business Development Manager and Debbie Mair Policy Advisor.

INTRODUCTION

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

None identified

3. Conflicts of Interest Register

Councillors were asked to individually identify any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were identified.

4. Extraordinary Business

Resolved: (Ray/Nigel)

That the position of the chair be put to the vote; and

That an immediate election of chairperson under s26J(1) be held.

Two nominations for the position of chair were received, with votes made as follows:

Lindsay – 4

Paul – 8

The new chair of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council is Paul Shortis.

5. Motion to Move into Public Excluded

Resolved: (Daniel Isbister/Bill O'Leary)

That the Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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
Financial impacts of Covid	<p>Section 9(2)(ba)(i) OIA The withholding of information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence...where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</p> <p>Section 9(2)(i) OIA The withholding of information is necessary to enable the organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(ii) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p>

And that staff remain to provide advice to the Council.

REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS

5. Financial Implications of Covid

a) Financial Position of Fish and Game Paper

Recommendation One

Resolved: (Daniel Isbister/Dave Harris)

Agree to the above assumptions in relation to modelling the impact of Covid-19 on the 2019/20 financial year.

Recommendation Two

Resolved: (Noel Birchall/Lindsay Lyons)

Agree to the above assumptions in relation to modelling the impact of Covid-19 on the 2019/20 financial year.

b) Strategic Finance Committee Recommendations

Resolved: Nigel/Dave

Establish a Standing Finance Committee

Daniel Isbister and Ray Grubb appointed to the Standing Finance Committee as the only two nominations.

Questions to be addressed by SFC in the immediate future

Principles to apply to this years budget

Principles to apply to next years budget

Principles to apply to reserves management

Principles around determining levies and grants

Resolved: (Ray/Lindsay)

Agree to consult all regions on a reserves policy which has not less than 20% reserves of budget; and

Request regions restrict non-essential spending including replacing staff, positions open but not filled and staff positions approved but not filled and capital expenditure such as vehicle replacement.

Resolved: Paul/Nigel

Agree Strategic Financial Report and Recommendations received and adopted.

Resolved: Paul/ Dave

Strategic Financial Report and recommendations sent to regional chairs.

Resolved: Paul/Ray

Strategic Financial Report and recommendations sent to Minister and DG.

6. Move out of Public Excluded

Resolved: Dave/Roy

That the Council move out of public excluded.

Resolutions to be brought out of public excluded:

That all resolutions made by council in the public excluded session be made public; and

That the Financial Position of Fish and Game paper be put into the public domain.

7. Meeting Closed

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am Tuesday 5 May 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:35 pm Friday 24th April 2020.