

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

## NZC MEETING (DAY 1: TUE 18 JUNE 2024)

### ONLINE ONLY



At the **NZC Meeting 170** on **23 Aug 2024** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

<b>Name:</b>	New Zealand Fish and Game Council
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 18 June 2024
<b>Time:</b>	5:00 pm to 6:55 pm (NZST)
<b>Location:</b>	Teams Meeting, Microsoft Teams
<b>Board Members:</b>	Barrie Barnes (Chair), Darryl Reardon, DAVE COLL, Dave Harris, Dean Phibbs, Debbie Oakley , Gerard Karalus, Greg Duley, Linn Koevoet, Mike Barker, Steve Haslett, Tom Kroos, GRAEME NAHKIES (Chair)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Carmel Veitch, Charlie Hopkins, Corina Jordan, Helen Brosnan, RICHARD COSGROVE, Samantha May, Adrienne Murray

## 1. Opening Meeting

### 1.1 Open NZC Meeting 169

NZC Meeting 169, start time 5pm, online meeting.

Linn left the meeting at 6.15pm

### 1.2 Apologies

Greg - will need to feed duck after dark for 20 minutes

Mike - Otago meeting at 8pm

Dave Coll - miss start of tomorrow night will come in at 6 or 6.30pm.

### 1.3 Interests Register

No change

### 1.4 Confirm Minutes

**Public Excluded Meeting 168 20 Apr 2024**, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

**NZC Meeting 168 19 Apr 2024**, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



#### Minutes

No changes to minutes - item for general business from Steve.

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**Mover:** Gerard Karalus

**Seconder:** Greg Duley  
**Outcome:** Approved

Linn having issues with unmuting, distortion etc. May need a better internet connection.

Matters arising

- Mike page 25 lead shot regulation changes and further information on that.
- Richie Crosgrove reply - 410 will be imported in smaller packages.
- Discussion about different shot available.

## 1.5 Correspondence Register

No comment

## 2. Major Decisions and Discussions

### 2.1 2024-25 Licence fee, forecasts, recommendations



#### Licence Fee decision

Small increase in licence fee approved.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Mike Barker  
**Seconder:** Steve Haslett  
**Outcome:** Approved



#### Licence Fee Increase Decision

Motion - increase fishing licence fee to \$156 and increase game bird hunting licence fee to \$116.

7 in favour, 1 against, reason because Steve though increase amount should be higher.

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**Mover:** Dave Harris  
**Seconder:** Gerard Karalus  
**Outcome:** Approved



#### Designated Waters

Designated waters licence increase to \$60 per day for non residents

All in favour, none against

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**Mover:** Dave Harris  
**Seconder:** Mike Barker  
**Outcome:** Approved



#### Non Resident Full Season Licence

-Motion non resident licence fee be raised to \$350, whole season adult.

-All other licence fees scale down from that

-Motion withdrawn until more information is provided

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Mike Barker

**Seconded:** Steve Haslett  
**Outcome:** Not Approved



### **Agree to charge and additional levy to Hawkes Bay for the excess Fish Licences**

-Adjust income to actual motion as it reads number 5 on the agenda  
5) Agree to charge an additional levy to Hawkes Bay for the excess Fish Licences sold in 2023/24 against 2023/24 Budget LEQ (min of 450 LEQ- max of 800 LEQ), and set the forecast fish LEQ for 2024/25 at 2240 (unadjusted)  
-All in favour, Lynn abstain.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Debbie Oakley  
**Seconded:** DAVE COLL  
**Outcome:** Approved



### **Delegate to the Chief Executive**

Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to recommend to the Minister the NZC Licence fee recommendation.

**Due Date:** 31 Aug 2024  
**Owner:** Corina Jordan

## **2.2 Allocation of Salaries Contestable funding 2024/25**



### **Allocation of salaries contestable funding**

Approve the allocation of REM CF's for the 2024/25 Budget

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

## **2.3 Confirmation of regions budgets and levies**



### **Confirmation of region budgets**

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the total Budget of \$13,255,720 for the 2024/25 Financial year
3. Agree that the Contestable funding approved for REM of \$194,011 will be peer reviewed by Adrienne (HR), consulted with the Regions and equitably distributed.
4. Agree that final Levies and Grants and 2024/25 year will be calculated upon the allocation of REM as per (3) above and approval of the Licence fee from the Minister.
5. Based on the licence fee of \$156 (Fish) and \$116 (Game), Approve the use of reserves of 1.34% (\$173,042) to be allocated on a pro rata basis to Regions.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

## **2.4 Anglers Notice recommendations**



### **Anglers Notice - Mataura River**

-105A Option 2: Not Support the Mataura River Catchment upstream of the Ardlussa Bridge becoming an experimental Designated Water fishery for the months of February and March for two years.

-Mike Barker against because you should push through now rather than wait for pressure to build up and it doesn't go through as a designated water.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Mover:** DAVE COLL  
**Seconder:** Dave Harris  
**Outcome:** Approved



### Anglers Notice - Waikaia River

Support the Waikaia River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Maitaha River becoming a Designated Water for the months of February and March each year.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Mike Barker  
**Seconder:** Linn Koevoet  
**Outcome:** Approved



### Anglers Notice - West Coast

- Support all West Coast C, D, E, F becoming a designated water
- c. Support the Waitahu River catchment upstream of the State Highway 69 Bridge becoming a Designated Water.
- d. Support the Upper Grey River catchment upstream of the Clarke River becoming a Designated Water.
- e. Support the Larry's Creek catchment upstream of the State Highway 69 Bridge becoming a Designated Water.
- f. Support the Rough River catchment upstream of the confluence of Mirfins Creek becoming a Designated Water.

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**Seconder:** Gerard Karalus  
**Outcome:** Approved



### Anglers Notice - Hurunui and Hope River

- Support H, I, J
- All in favour
- h. Support the Hurunui River North Branch Designated Water Fishery Bridge becoming an experimental Controlled Fishery for two seasons.
- i. Support the Hurunui River South Branch Designated Water Fishery Bridge becoming an experimental Controlled Fishery for two seasons.
- j. Support the renaming of the Hope River Designated Waters Fishery to the Lewis Pass Designated Waters Fishery.

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**Mover:** Dave Harris  
**Seconder:** DAVE COLL  
**Outcome:** Approved



### Anglers Notice - Wangapeka River

- Nelson support G becomes a designated water
  - g. Support the Wangapeka River catchment upstream of the Newport Road Bridge becoming a Designated Water.
- Support except Darryl abstaining reason no proof that it should be a designated water. Debbie also not supporting as it doesn't fit the criteria as per staff recommendation.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Mover:** Dave Harris  
**Seconded:** Mike Barker  
**Outcome:** Approved



### **Bag limits and minor changes**

-Hawkes Bay liberalising back to pre-cyclone, and game park being able to fish.

-Minor changes

-Information to receive only

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Outcome:** Approved

## **2.5 Infringement system**



### **Infringement system**

Receives this information and supports in principle the infringement system and its development to be drafted for consultation.

All in favour.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Darryl Reardon  
**Seconded:** Gerard Karalus  
**Outcome:** Approved

## **2.6 RM Fund update and new applications**



### **s107 Case Joint N Canterbury, Central S Island and Southland Fish & Game High Court case**

Motion to fund 50% of the \$35,000

Motion carried with one abstention.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Dave Harris  
**Seconded:** Debbie Oakley  
**Outcome:** Approved



### **RMA - Receive information**

1. Receive the information detailed in the RMA tables updating you on RMA cases (attachments 1 & 2)
2. Note the update from Southland regarding their regional policy statement case (case summary attachment 3).

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024



### **Confirm Funding Otago / CSI RMA funding application**

4. Confirm from workshop Funding 50% of the \$75,000 costs for joint Otago / CSI Fish and Game application for funding (attachment 5)

as discussed at workshop on 4th June.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

## 2.7 Final Budget Approval



### Confirmation of regional budgets based on licence fee of \$156 fish and \$116 for game

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4. Agree that final Levies and Grants and 2024/25 year will be calculated upon the allocation of REM as per (3) above and approval of the Licence fee from the Minister.
5. Based on the licence fee of \$156 (Fish) and \$116 (Game), Approve the use of reserves of 1.34% (\$173,042) to be allocated on a pro rata basis to Regions.

Full support

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Debbie Oakley  
**Seconder:** Steve Haslett  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 3. Actions from Previous Meetings

### 3.1 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner
19 Jul 2024	Maimai on Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora) <b>Status:</b> Completed on 18 Jul 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
20 Jul 2024	Time Off In Lieu (TOIL). <b>Status:</b> Completed on 6 Jun 2024	Jane Hutchings
28 Feb 2025	ARF register <b>Status:</b> Not Started	Carmel Veitch

## 4. Management Reports (to note)

### 4.1 CEO Report (Verbal)

### 4.2 Finance Report



#### Finance Report

Receive the NZC Finance Report for the 8 months ended 30 April 2024 with a surplus of \$14,381.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** DAVE COLL  
**Seconder:** Mike Barker  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 4.3 National Finance Report



#### National Finance Report

1. Receive the information as presented in the National Finance Report as of 30 April 2024

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Gerard Karalus  
**Seconder:** Darryl Reardon  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 4.4 Health & Safety Review



#### Approve National Health and Safety Policy and safety policy for rangers

1. Receives the information; and
2. Approves the National Health and Safety Policy and the Health and Safety Policy for Rangers.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Debbie Oakley  
**Seconder:** Gerard Karalus  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 4.5 RMA legislation update



#### RMA legislation update

1. Receive the information
2. That Staff submit in public consultation rounds relating to Freshwater and RMA reform. Submissions are due by 30 June 2024.

All in favour

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** Darryl Reardon  
**Seconder:** Greg Duley  
**Outcome:** Approved



#### Practice note update for NZC

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to continue publicising the information despite the government's plans to replace the NPS-FM

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024  
**Mover:** DAVE COLL  
**Seconder:** Linn Koevoet  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 4.6 Communications report



#### Communications update

That Managers receive the update on communications and public awareness work. This report covers game bird season promotion, the ReWild campaign, website performance and media.

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Outcome:** Approved



### **Public Excluded Motion**

Motion to go into public excluded

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Mover:** Gerard Karalus

**Seconder:** Darryl Reardon

**Outcome:** Approved

## **4.7 Public Excluded Motion**



### **Go into public excluded item**

Legally privileged item

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## **5. Public Excluded (PE)**

### **5.1 5.1**



#### **Ngai Tahu to High Court Case**

-Decision to receive information and not fund intervention and action for Corina to follow up with Ngai Tahu outside the court process.

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**Mover:** Gerard Karalus

**Seconder:** Mike Barker

**Outcome:** Approved



#### **Come out of Public Excluded**

Come out of Public Excluded

**Decision Date:** 18 Jun 2024

**Mover:** Mike Barker

**Seconder:** Steve Haslett

**Outcome:** Approved

## **5.2 General Business**



### **General Business**

-Steve page 20 of old board pack ask what is happening with the supervision of the PHD student is going. Research sub committee to bring this update to the next meeting.

-Gerard working group, fishing licence categories to be reduced.

-Ian H US trip and American conference which he has circulated to Otago F&G.

-Gerard and part payment of licences

-Debbie are we going to go through the action list - push out to the August meeting. Audit suggestion.

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Any final comments - nil

Corina - thanks

Close meeting 18.55pm

## 6. Close Meeting

### 6.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** NZC Meeting 170 - 23 Aug 2024, 9:00 am

#### New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner
2.1	Delegate to the Chief Executive <b>Due Date:</b> 31 Aug 2024	Corina Jordan

Meeting 170 is tentatively scheduled for 23-24 August 2024. TBC.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_