

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 19 October 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Present: J Cruden P McLauchlan
B Growcott G Rooney (Chairman)
M Hall W Spry
D Isbister B Whipp
L Koevoet

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator), A Christensen (Resource Officer), M Webb (Fish and Game Officer), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer) and D Winterburn (DoC). Frank Hamilton (member of the public).

17-045 APOLOGIES:

J Henry (Ngai Tahu) and J Couper, (Fish and Game Officer), R Adams (Fish and Game Officer).

AGREED that the apologies of J Henry, J Couper and R Adams be accepted.

17-046 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. There were no additions to be added.

17-047 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises.

17-048 GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Liaison meeting with Environment Canterbury – Update (JG)
- Coarse Fishing Request (JG)

17-049 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 September 2017:

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

17-022

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 SEPTEMBER 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

17-050 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

050.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Chief Executive advised that a preliminary report from the Accountant indicates that Council is likely to have a \$97,000 deficit. He noted that a main cause was the decrease in Council's licence income. It was recognised that the 4 new licence categories at discounted prices was a major factor in the decrease in licence income. He advised that external expenditure was close to budget. Chief Executive was commended on his financial efficiency and honesty of fish and game budgets and funds.



THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$338,312.12 AND \$70,142.83, RESPECTIVELY.

17-051 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

051.1 Standing Orders for Adoption (9.1)

At the previous Council meeting it was agreed that the CE would obtain a definition for Qualified Privilege and Contempt. CE advised that the definition of Qualified Privilege was difficult to find. It was felt that Council should seek legal advice on a definition and bring to the December Council meeting.

THAT THE STANDING ORDERS LIE ON THE TABLE FOR FORMAL ADOPTION UNTIL THE 7 DECEMBER 2017 MEETING TO ALLOW LEGAL ADVICE TO BE OBTAINED ON THE DEFINITION OF 'QUALIFIED PRIVILEGE.'

051.2 Lake Benmore Sockeye Monitoring (9.2)

Council considered a proposal to monitor sockeye salmon on Lake Benmore for the next three years.

THAT SOCKEYE SPAWNING SURVEYS BE COMPLETED IN 2018, 2019 AND 2020 THAT CONSIST OF:

- LAKE BENMORE**
- 1. FIVE AERIAL COUNTS OF LOWER OHAU AND TWIZEL RIVERS**
 - 2. SINGLE AERIAL COUNTS OF TEKAPO RIVER, GRAYS RIVER, MARYBURN, AHURIRI RIVER, OMARAMA STREAM AND THE SPRING-FED STREAM ON THE TRUE LEFT OF THE AHURIRI MOUTH,**
 - 3. FIVE GROUND COUNTS FOR MINT CREEK AND ONE GROUND COUNT SURVEY OF SHEPHERDS CREEK AND FRASER STREAM. THESE STREAMS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR AERIAL SURVEY.**
 - 4. THAT MERIDIAN BE APPROACHED FOR FUNDING.**

LAKE AVIEMORE AND LAKE OHAU TRIBUTARIES

- 1. SINGLE GROUND-BASED PEAK COUNTS AS PER NORMAL.**

It was **AGREED** that if Meridian do not wish to fund the project that Fish and Game would continue to undertake the first year of the survey.



17-052 DOC LIAISON:

D Winterburn updated Council on various works undertaken by DoC including:

- Whitebait season - one warning has being issued.
- Rangitata predator trapping is progressing well with 2 x 3 year staff positions being advertised.
- DoC, LINZ, ECan and runholders are working together on the Braided Rivers Programme. Each agency used to work independently on this but working together has meant better management and results.
- Wilding Pine – Government have given funding so work is continuing on clearing them. This year effort will be concentrated in the Rakaia area.
- Goose cull – a request is usually received by runholders to cull geese at Lake Heron at this time of year. DoC will have a ranger attend on the day if a cull goes ahead.
- Mudfish – discussion ensued about whether it was valid to say mudfish is a threatened species.
- LWIS and Bortons pond. A query was put to D Winterburn on the situation where it's believed DoC would not sign off the go-ahead for the fish barrier. G Rooney declared his conflict of interest on this matter. D Isbister also declared his conflict of interest as he is a shareholder of LWIS. D Winterburn advised that he believed there was more to the situation and had information on this issue. He undertook to provide it to Fish and Game's Chief Executive. L Koevoet offered to provide D Winterburn with a copy of a letter sent to him from the Regional Council.

D Winterburn left the meeting at 8:45 pm.

17-053 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

053.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (8.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics reported in their activities and operations reports. Topics included:

- Eckholds Pond Kids Fishing Day – CE advised that H Stevens facilitated the fish transfer permit for Eckholds pond kids fishing day and will be assisting on behalf of Fish and Game on the day. CE invited Councillors to also attend and assist.
- H Stevens advised that CSI Fish and Game's Kids Fishing Day will be held at Loch Cameron on Saturday 18th November. CE invited Councillors to also attend and assist.
- Prosecutions – Chairman reminded Councillors on Council policy where matters of prosecution and compliance are the sole responsibility of the Chief Executive and Councillors are not to get involved in these matters.

The following staff reports were provided to Council for information.

- Hinds Drain Habitat Enhancement and
- Aviemore Spawning Race Management.

A Christensen left the meeting at 9:10 pm.



17-054 NZFGC MATTERS:

054.1 Report from NZC Meeting of September 2017

M Hall provided an update on NZC matters. Topics included:

- Appointment of Martin Taylor as the NZ Council Chief Executive.
- Planning for the Salmon Symposium - B Johnson and M Taylor have both accepted an invitation to attend and speak to the symposium.
- Complaint from Centofanti – NZC was advised to send letter to CSI to assist with a response.
- Ngaruroro WCO
- 24 applications for funding to the Gamebird Habitat Trust have been approved.

17-055 GENERAL BUSINESS:

055.1 Coarse Fishing Request (JG)

Chief Executive provided Council with a letter from 6 coarse fishing anglers who requested they be approved to test for fish population and coarse fishing waters in the Central South Island Region using normal recognised coarse fishing methods including laying of ground baits.

Council were concerned from an operational, compliance and precedent setting point of view. The only provision under which going outside the set Angler Notice regulations is used is for NIWA for scientific purposes. Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of this request and it was:

Resolved (Whipp/McLauchlan)

17-026

THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE COARSE FISHING ANGLERS THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION WITHIN LEGISLATION TO ALLOW SAMPLING AND THEIR REQUEST IS DECLINED.

055.2 Liaison meeting with Environment Canterbury – 21 November 2017 (JG)

Chief Executive advised that Environment Canterbury Councillors were looking to receive topics that CSI Councillors wished discussed for their agenda.

The following topics were suggested:

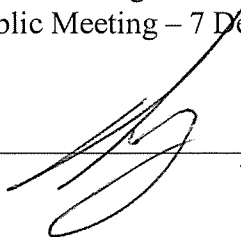
- Fish Screens
- Compliance related to Fish Screens
- Lower Waitaki Irrigation Scheme
- Ashburton River and Hakataramea River minimum flows (raise minimum flow earlier on the Hakataramea)
- Riverbed Spraying Programmes
- Bowyers Stream
- Rivermouth opening and consents process.

Meeting closed: 10:45 pm.

Next Council Meeting – 7 December 2017 (4 pm to 6 pm)

Annual Public Meeting – 7 December 2017 (7:30 pm)

Signed _____



Date _____

7/12/17