

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 April 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Present: M Hall B Whipp
D Isbister J Henry (Ngai Tahu)
L Koevoet
G Rooney (Chairman)

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer), and J Couper (Fish and Game Officer), and M Webb (Fish and Game Officer, from 7 25 pm).

Members of Public: F Hamilton, R McCleery, D McCleery, J de Wit.

18-010 APOLOGIES:

D Winterburn (DoC), P McLauchlan, and W Spry.

AGREED that the apologies of D Winterburn, P McLauchlan and W Spry be accepted.

18-011 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. Daniel Isbister indicated he wished to add that he is now a member of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee and the North Otago Sustainable Land Management Committee.

18-012 HEALTH & SAFETY:

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

18-013 GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Leave of Absence (LK)

18-014 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 15 February 2018:

Resolved (Hall/Koevoet)

18-007

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 FEBRUARY 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

18-015 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

006.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

18-008

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2018 AND MARCH 2018 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$324,031.85 AND \$103,312.28, RESPECTIVELY.



18-016 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

016.1 Developing Revenue Through Increased Participation (9.3)

Moved (Isbister/Koevoet)

That CSI Council receive the report and provide comment on the content of the report including, the need to focus on increasing participation through a recruitment, retention, and re-activation programme as a means for increasing revenue.

Councillors commented that it was interesting there was still a 30% churn of licence holders and that this has been consistent over the years. It was felt we needed to concentrate less on the 'women and youth' aspect and look at where our licences are being sold and the age group we are selling them to. Concern was also expressed on how it can be morally justified to spend money on increasing participation when the money would be better spent enhancing and maintaining the resource.

It was also felt that M Taylor's message to Councils that they should think about shifting resources from RMA to R3 was flawed in its action i.e. do we want to raise participation when the resource is under pressure? Further to that the report makes the statement that participation is declining but the graphs show that participation is not declining.

Moved (L Koevoet/D Isbister) that the motion be amended to read:

That CSI Council receive the report and provide comment on the content of the report.

The amendment was put and declared **CARRIED**.

The amended motion became the substantive motion. The substantive motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

Resolved (L Koevoet/D Isbister)

18-009

THAT CSI COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT.

016.2 Draft OWP and Budget (9.4)

Chief Executive advised that this draft budget is largely a hold-the-line budget and the suggested changes in the OWP were highlighted.

M Hall advised that he would like to have the National Salmon Committee added to objective 8.4.2 and G Rooney noted that to add clarity to objective 2.2.5 it would be helpful to identify the wetland by including the words 'Ealing Springs'.

Resolved (Hall/Whipp)

18-010

THAT SUBJECT TO THE TWO ADDITIONS ABOVE THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT OWP AND BUDGET FOR THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR.



016.3 Winnemen Wintu Tribe – Genetics and Restoration Project for McCloud River, California

Chief Executive reported that the original chinook salmon introductions to New Zealand were sourced from the McCloud River, California, and initially reared at a hatchery on the Hakataramea River beginning in 1900. The chinook salmon present in New Zealand today are from that single source. Since then the salmon runs in the McCloud River have become extinct. He explained that the Winnemem Wintu people wish to investigate the genetics of the chinook salmon in New Zealand with the longer-term view of restoring their runs in the McCloud River. More recently CSI staff have been liaising with North Canterbury Fish and Game staff to co-ordinate tissue collection as the initial step. Payment will be received for staff time in assisting with this project.

Resolved (Koevoet/Hall)

18-011

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT THAT INCLUDES ASSISTANCE BY CSI STAFF WITH THE INITIAL TISSUE COLLECTION.

016.4 Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Salmon Proposal (9.6)

Chief Executive advised that the WRES provided a proposal to the February meeting of Council to undertake off-site salmon rearing as a means of ensuring brood stock for continued operation. Council agreed in principle to support the proposal and requested that an updated proposal be provided at the April meeting. This updated proposal has been provided for review. Chief Executive added that rearing arrangements had yet to be finalised and approved by North Canterbury Fish and Game.

Resolved (Hall/Whipp)

18-012

THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE OFF-SITE SALMON REARING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY WRES TO THE APRIL 2018 COUNCIL MEETING SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE LONG-TERM REARING BY NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME.

016.5 2018/19 Anglers Notice Review (9.1)

M Webb provided Council with a report outlining submissions received and his recommendations for the 2018/19 Angler Notice.

1. Sockeye Salmon Emphasis

Staff advised that the current condition relating to the restricted sockeye season appears only under region-wide rules in the Anglers Notice and is missed by most anglers seeking information on individual fisheries. With the increasing prominence of sockeye in the upper Waitaki basin we are receiving increasing reports of anglers deliberately or accidentally targeting them in their spawning streams and attributing this to the absence of obvious sockeye rules.

The recommendation will add “No fishing for sockeye salmon between 1 March and 30 April” to information for – Ahuriri River, Deep Stream (Lake Aviemore), Grays River, Larch Stream, Mary Burn, Omarama Stream, Otematapaio River, Otematata River, Tekapo River, and Twizel River. In addition, the highlighting will be added to sections covering tributaries to lakes Aviemore, Benmore, Ohau, Pukaki, and Ruataniwha.



THE WORDS “NO FISHING FOR SOCKEYE SALMON BETWEEN 1 MARCH AND 30 APRIL” TO BE INCLUDED IN INDIVIDUAL FISHERIES LISTINGS WHERE RELEVANT.

2. Lower Rangitata Poles Placement

Due to the increasing problem with the white pole at the Rangitata being removed by anglers, staff recommended that the regulation be tightened to include GPS points. The suggested wording is:

4.3 *A licence holder when fishing for sports fish in the Rangitata River or its tributaries:*

4.3.1 *may use, seaward of a line extending through two GPS points (-44.181807°, 171.499428° & -44.179319°, 171.504111°) and where part of the line is marked by two poles situated approximately 1km from the coast, an artificial fly only if the total weight of everything attached to the cast does not exceed 28g.*

4.3.2 *may cast other than from the reel or retrieve other than by winding the reel only when using bait or fly fishing, or when fishing with an artificial fly seaward of a line extending through two GPS points (-44.181807°, 171.499428° & -44.179319°, 171.504111°) and where part of the line is marked by two poles situated approximately 1km from the coast.*

THAT GPS LOCATIONS AND AMENDED DESCRIPTION ABOVE BE APPLIED TO THE LOCATION OF THE RANGITATA POLES MARKING THE UPSTREAM LIMIT FOR LURE FISHING.

3. Salmon Season April Closure

1. **RETAIN CURRENT APRIL CLOSURE CONDITION ACROSS THE REGION.**
2. **REVIEW CONTINUED CLOSURE DURING ANGLER NOTICE REVIEW IN APRIL 2019.**

18-017 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

017.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (10.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics in their activities reports that were provided for information. Topics included: Update on spawning counts to date, managed aquifer recharge, and white poles at Rangitata. Staff agreed to compile the cost of replacing the poles over this last season. This would assist in educating anglers that the action of removing the poles is costing \$ from their licence fee.



18-018 PUBLIC ISSUES FORUM:

J de Wit made a suggestion that strobe lights could be placed around irrigation ponds to disturb ducks in the hunting season. He noted that it works for Canada geese so thought it would work for ducks too. He also queried how many winter licences are sold in the Mackenzie Country. Chief Executive responded that he didn't have that information at this meeting so wasn't in a position to comment. Chairman thanked Mr deWit for his comments.

18-019 NZFGC MATTERS:

M Hall provided an update on NZC matters from the 16th to 18th March meeting held on the West Coast. Topics included:

- West Coast had a good run of sea run salmon this season.
- NZ Fish and Game has made a submission to the select committee on the Conservation Infringement System Bill.
- Number of tourists are having an effect on our backcountry.
- Implementation of a National Sea Run Salmon Committee (report and update provided to Council on the first meeting of the Committee). General discussion ensued including the importance of getting information out to anglers that attended the Salmon Symposium.

18-020 GENERAL BUSINESS:

020.1 Leave of Absence (LK)

L Koevoet advised that he would be unable to attend the June and August 2018 meetings of Council as he would be overseas and requested a Leave of Absence.

It was **AGREED** that leave of absence be granted to L Koevoet from attending the June and August 2018 Council meetings.


020.2 Gloria Wilkie

Chief Executive advised that John Wilkie's wife, Gloria, passed away last week.

Meeting closed: 9:25 pm.

Next Council Meeting – 14 June 2018

Signed _____



Date _____

