

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held via video link on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7 pm.

Present: A Brooks M Hall
 S Gerard D Isbister
 S Bannister L Koevoet (from 7.15 pm)
 C Fulton C McKenzie
 B Growcott A Simpson (Chair)

In Attendance:

F&G Staff: J Graybill, M Webb, H Stevens, B Dolan.

21-038 APOLOGIES:

John Henry.

Resolved (Isbister/Hall)

21-045

THAT THE APOLOGY OF J HENRY BE ACCEPTED.

21-039 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried whether Councillors (i) had any new interests to add to the register or (ii) saw any possible conflict with a matter on the agenda? No declarations of interests or conflicts were made.

21-040 CHAIR'S REPORT:

040.1 Sports Fish and Game Management Plan

Chair emphasized that the Sports Fish and Game Management Plan is an important document for Council. He reminded Councillors to give it attention as the deadline for providing comment to A Christensen, in order for Council to comply with the statutory timetable, is Friday 18th June at 5 pm.

040.2 Ministerial Review

Chair sought comment and input on the draft recommendations that were circulated to Councillors. Discussion ensued with the following points being raised.

- Review was not supported by information or analysis as to how they came to their recommendation on amalgamations of regions.
- The reduced number of elected Councillors being proposed was too few, causing disconnect with licence holders.
- Members did not support view that appointed Councillors be paid, and elected Councillors be voluntary.
- A maximum of two terms for a Councillor was too few. It takes time to get to grips with issues, so should be at least 3 terms. Needs to be a phased Councillor refresh structure.
- Appearance of being a "DOC takeover".
- Members felt strongly that there had been insufficient consultation with anglers and hunters.
- Process should run in parallel with results of Resource Allocation Project.
- The review recommendations should have been costed by the review panel.
- Any change should be cost-effective to achieve a positive outcome.

- Needs to include definition of boundaries and respective roles of NZC and regional FGCs.

It was **AGREED** that D Isbister, C Fulton and J Graybill liaise on method for determining number of F&G regions as a counter-proposal.

The Chair was thanked for putting together a paper to go forward to the Implementation Group on the Review Recommendations.

040.3 Anglers Notice – Alteration of Previous Resolution pursuant to Standing Order 3.9.1

Chair advised that he had received a request from four Councillors to alter a previous resolution of council in regard to resolution 2.2.7 (*S Gerard, S Bannister, L Koevoet, and A Brooks*).

Chair advised that he had received a Notice of Motion from four Councillors (*D Isbister, C Fulton, M Hall, and C McKenzie*) requesting that the previous motion (2.2.7) be changed from:

“2.2.7 for Lake Heron, that the sport fishing season shall be from the 1st Saturday in November to 30 April and the minimum length for salmon killed shall be 250mm and the maximum length shall be 450mm and”

which was passed at the 20 May 2021 meeting of Council, and be replaced with the following:

“2.2.7 for Lake Heron, that the sport fishing season shall be from the 1st Saturday in November to 30 April and the minimum length for salmon killed shall be 300mm and the maximum length shall be 450mm and”

Chair requested M Webb speak to his pre-circulated report. M Webb advised Council that work was done from otolith analysis to assess ages of salmon and look at when they went to sea. The report indicates that ~70% of the sea-run salmon returning to Mellish Stream leave the lake as 2-year-olds and all range in size less than 300mm.

By raising the minimum size for taking salmon in Lake Heron, those smaller fish, if caught, would be released. This would benefit the returns of sea-run salmon as two-year-olds are the important cohort.

Discussion ensued and clarification sought and given about:

- Query was raised about accuracy in report of percentages relating to harvest. CE advised that percentages in the report related to population and not harvest.
- Concern was raised about the use of treble hooks and the question of whether it was ethical was brought up. CE responded that there are a number of research papers on hooking mortality, but the general conclusion is that any differences in survival among hook types is small.
- L Koevoet advised that he wanted to amend the motion to reduce the 4-fish daily limit to 1 salmon to be consistent with other salmon regulations. CE advised that the process before Council tonight is to ‘alter a previous resolution’. The resolution in question is not related to daily bag limits or methods.

CE reminded Council that the accepted process for Anglers Notice review was that submissions from the angling public must be received by a specified date to allow time

for staff review and advice to council. After that date, submissions were not accepted until the next AN review. He believed that the same practice should apply to councillors as to the angling public.

Chair agreed that for tonight's meeting Council can only change what it voted on in resolution 2.2.7 at the 20 May 2021 Council meeting.

After further discussion and clarifications, the Chair advised that he was not accepting an amendment to the Notice of Motion that doesn't relate to the wording in the Notice of Motion before this Council tonight. If a Council member wishes to raise an item of General Business, it must be notified in advance.

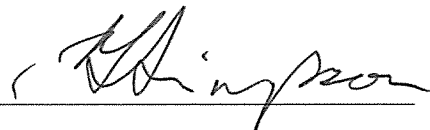
Chair put the motion and it was:

Resolved (Isbister/McKenzie) (5 for, 2 against) 21-046

"2.2.7 FOR LAKE HERON, THAT THE SPORT FISHING SEASON SHALL BE FROM THE 1ST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER TO 30 APRIL AND THE MINIMUM LENGTH FOR SALMON KILLED SHALL BE 300MM AND THE MAXIMUM LENGTH SHALL BE 450MM AND"

Meeting closed: 8:41 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 15 July 2021.

Signed  Date 15/7/2021