

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 May 2022 at 7:50 pm.

Present: S Bannister L Koevoet
P Centofanti D Rattray
J DeWit J Henry (Ngai Tahu) via Zoom

In Attendance:

J Graybill, B Dolan, A Christensen, M Webb, H Stevens, R Adams, C Weatherall (from 8:08pm), D Isbister, and Ian Cullen.

S Bannister, Chair, called the meeting to order.

22-023 APOLOGIES:

No apologies.

22-024 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register or any conflicts, or perceived conflicts, between their current interests and the business of tonight's meeting? None were advised.

22-025 WORKSHOP REPORT BACK:

S Bannister advised that in response to receiving three resignations from Councillors of the CSI Council he had approached NZ Council for assistance prompting a 360 review. Prior to this meeting Council held a workshop and it was felt that the way forward was to co-opt people outside of the CSI Council. Discussion ensued about what had been discussed at the workshop and at 7:58 pm the Chair called a recess and members left the room to confer. Members returned at 8:05 pm and the meeting resumed.

Resolved (Bannister/Rattray) (Unanimous)

22-040

THAT COLIN WEATHERALL BE CO-OPTED TO THE CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL.

Resolved (Bannister/Koevoet) (Unanimous)

22-041

THAT STEVEN BANNISTER STEP ASIDE AND RESIGN AS CHAIR AND THAT COLIN WETHERALL BE ELECTED CHAIR.

At 8:08 pm Colin Weatherall assumed the Chair of the Central South Island Fish and Game Council. He stated that it is a privilege to be co-opted to the CSI Council and would do his best to serve Council and its licence holders. He acknowledged it had been a challenging time, but it was now time to work together.

22-026 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly point for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency.

22-027 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 17 March 2022

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-042

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 MARCH 2022 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

22-028 STATUS OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS:

Council noted the status of previous resolutions.

22-029 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

Resolved (Centofanti/Rattray)

22-043

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2022 AND APRIL 2022 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$87,964.79, AND \$74,887.98, RESPECTIVELY.

22-030 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

030.1 2022/23 Anglers Notice Review (9.1)

Council was provided with a report outlining submissions received and staff recommendations for the 2022/23 Angler Notice. *(Note: Please refer to the 2022/23 Triennial Anglers Notice Review report for detail).*

The following recommendations resulted from Council deliberations. These recommendations will be forwarded to the NZ Council.

1. Fishing from Boats on the Ahuriri River Lagoons

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-044

TO RETAIN CURRENT CONDITION THAT THERE BE NO RESTRICTION ON USE OF BOATS IN THE AHURIRI LAGOONS.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-045

THAT STAFF AND A LOCAL RESIDENT HONORARY FISH AND GAME RANGER, ASSESS INCIDENCE OF BOAT USE BY ANGLERS ON THE AHURIRI LAGOONS ON UP TO 50 RANDOM OCCASIONS DURING THE 2022/23 SEASON. SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL FOR ANGLER NOTICE CONSIDERATION IN MAY 2023 IF CONSIDERED URGENT.

2. Fishing from Unmoored Boats

Resolved (Rattray/Bannister)

22-046

- **THAT FISHING FROM AN UNMOORED BOAT TO BE PERMITTED ON LAKE EMMA.**
- **THAT NO RESTRICTION ON TROLLING OR HARLING ON LAKE EMMA.**

- **THAT CURRENT MOORED BOAT FISHING CONDITIONS FOR LAKE MCGREGOR AND MAORI LAKES ARE RETAINED.**

3. Use of Boats on Kellands Pond and Wairepo Arm

Resolved (Ratray/Koevoet)

22-047

THAT FISHING FROM UNMOORED NON-MOTORISED BOATS BE PERMITTED IN KELLANDS POND AND WAIREPO ARM.

4. Night Fishing on Hydro Canals

Moved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

THAT THERE BE NO CHANGES TO THE ANGELRS NOTICE WITH REGARD TO NIGHT-TIME ANGLING ON THE HYDRO CANALS.

The motion was put and declared LOST (2 for, 3 against).

Chair asked if there was an alternative motion from Council. None was forthcoming so Chair declared that as the motion was lost then the current regulation stands (i.e., status quo remains).

L Koevoet stated that Council has signalled that it is not happy with the hours of fishing at the canals and requested that staff come up with some restriction to relieve some pressure at the canals.

During a general discussion H Stevens advised that 14% of the pressure is happening at night compared to pressure at daytime. S Bannister stated his concern about poachers fishing at night-time and not being seen. M Webb responded that on the nights ranging was undertaken they talked to 75 anglers and none of those anglers were found to be exceeding the bag limit, therefore, poaching was not considered to be the main enforcement issue.

Resolved (Centofanti/Bannister)

22-048

- **THAT RANDOM NIGHT-TIME COMPLIANCE BE APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED IN THE CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND RANGING PROGRAMME.**
- **THAT RANGERS CARRY OUT ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF BAIT ANGLER'S TACKLE AT THE HYDRO CANALS DURING DAYTIME ACTIVITIES.**
- **THAT ANY FUTURE ANGLING SURVEYS AT THE HYDRO CANALS INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE OF NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITY TO DIRECTLY COMPARE WITH DAYTIME ACTIVITY.**

5. Upper Ohau River Spring Season

A robust discussion ensued with differing views coming forward on the Upper Ohau River spring season. Chair felt that it was important for Council to take time to discuss this issue more fully but did not feel that this was the meeting to do that. He suggested Council agenda this item for a future meeting to allow all the information to be fully discussed.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-049

THAT 1-31 OCTOBER 2022 BE DESIGNATED A CONTROLLED-PERIOD FOR THE OHAU RIVER BACKCOUNTRY FISHERY.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-050

1. **THAT STAFF MANAGE THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED-PERIOD LICENCES FOR OCTOBER 2022 AS SET OUT IN THE BALLOT SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 5-2 OF THE OCTOBER 2021 SPRING SEASON REPORT, AND**
2. **THAT DISCUSSION OF UPPER OHAU FISHERY BE HELD AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING, AT A TIME BEFORE THE 2023/24 ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW.**

Resolved (Centofanti/Rattray)

22-051

THAT STAFF REVIEW THE BALLOT SCHEDULE FOR CONTROLLED-PERIOD LICENCE DISTRIBUTION AFTER THE 2022 SPRING SEASON AND REPORT TO COUNCIL BY MAY 2023 TO CONFIRM THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023 SPRING SEASON.

6. **Lake Heron resident and sea-run salmon fisheries including bag limit and Harrisons Bight**

Chair invited Mr Ian Cullen to speak to his submission to Council. Mr Cullen wished to see the sea-run salmon fishery protected by increasing the proportion of wild salmon that survive to spawn. Discussion ensued on not permitting sports fishing in Harrisons Bight from 1-30 April with the boundary of the closed fishery to be identified by white poles on either shore of Harrisons Bight.

Resolved (Koevoet/Centofanti)

22-052

THAT HARRISONS BIGHT IN LAKE HERON BE CLOSED TO ALL SPORTS FISHING FROM 1 TO 30 APRIL AND THE AREA OF CLOSURE BE IDENTIFIED BY WHITE POLES ON EITHER SHORE.

7. **Sea-run salmon season bag limit (CSI and NC Staff)**

Resolved (Koevoet/Bannister)

22-053

THAT THE SEA-RUN SALMON SEASON BAG LIMIT IN THE CSIFG REGION REMAIN TWO FISH FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON.

Resolved (Centofanti/Bannister)

22-054

THAT CSIFG STAFF DISCUSS WITH NCFG STAFF THE ACCEPTABILITY AND FEASIBILITY FOR INTRODUCTION OF A SEASON BAG LIMIT FOR FIN-CLIPPED SALMON THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE SEASON BAG LIMIT FOR WILD SALMON, FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOTH COUNCILS IN THE 2023/24 ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-055

THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY R ADAMS, H STEVENS AND M WEBB FOR THE ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW.

030.2 2022/23 Licence Fee Recommendation (9.2)

Chief Executive explained that the proposed licence fee increase was in line with current CPI and felt it was important that CSI keeps pace with increases in both operational costs and staff salaries to retain staff in an increasingly competitive market. He noted the NZC proposal of a new licence category called a Designated Waters Licence but felt that without impact/risk assessment it would be ill-advised to support at this time. He advised that F&G has a “pressure sensitive fisheries” programme under consideration that is well advanced and felt that this programme would be better placed for considering fees so recommended deferring consideration of this new licence category.

Resolved (Bannister/Koevoet)

22-056

- 1. THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS A 2022/23 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISHING LICENCE FEE OF \$145 AND A 2023 ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE FEE OF \$107 (INCLUSIVE OF A \$5 FEE FOR THE GAMEBIRD HABITAT STAMP) INCLUSIVE OF GST.**

Resolved (Rattray/Centofanti)

22-057

- 2. THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS A \$5 FEE FOR EACH SEA-RUN SALMON LICENCE ENDORSEMENT AS A COST-RECOVERY MECHANISM.**

Resolved (Rattray/Centofanti)

22-058

- 3. THAT CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE INCREASE IN THE NON-RESIDENT LICENCE FEE TO \$250 INCLUDING DAY LICENCE RATIO INCREASE.**

Resolved (Centofanti/Bannister)

22-059

- 4. THAT THE CSI COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED WATERS AT THIS TIME BUT LEAVES THIS CONSIDERATION TO THE PRESSURE SENSITIVE FISHERIES PROCESS AND REQUESTS THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS INPUT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.**

Resolved (Centofanti/Rattray)

22-060

5. THAT THE CSI COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE NEED FOR FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTERIAL REVIEW BUT REQUESTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEED BACK BY WAY OF REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOLLOWING RECEIPT FROM THE NZ COUNCIL OF A DETAILED BUDGET OF COSTINGS AND DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING ALTERNATIVES.

L Koevoet declared an interest and abstained from voting.

030.3 Sports Fish & Game Management Plan – Approved by Minister (9.3)

CE advised that the draft Plan, approved by Council, was submitted to the Minister on 22 March 2022 as prescribed by the timetable. The Minister approved the Plan on 15 April. He advised that comments made by Department officials included that CSI's Plan was produced to "an extremely high standard". It required "few clarifications" and there were "no substantial amendments required". CE believed that this should be considered a testament to its quality and the approximate 3-week approval process through the Minister's office as a significant achievement, led by CSIFG Resource Officer, A Christensen. He noted that within Fish & Game, the CSI Plan will now serve as a template to be used by other councils when completing their plan renewals.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-061

THAT CSI COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXCELLENT WORK UNDERTAKEN BY ANGELA CHRISTENSEN ON ITS SPORTS FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN.

030.4 Fulfilling OIA Requests (9.4)

CE advised that two official information requests were received for information about salmon management in the CSI Region. These requests were honoured, and the information was provided within the time limits set out by the Act. He noted the cost to Council for fulfilling these requests in terms of staff time (cost) and cost of paper/photocopying was \$1,142 for the first request and \$495 for the second.

Resolved (Rattray/Bannister)

22-062

THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

At 10:30 pm it was:

Resolved (deWit/Bannister)

22-063

THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED FOR 15 MINUTES.

22-031 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION:

Resolved (Rattray/Bannister)

22-064

THAT AT 10:30 PM COUNCIL MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED FOR:

031.1 CONSENT RENEWAL – GENESIS ENERGY (13.1)

031.2 CONSENT RENEWAL – MERIDIAN ENERGY (13.2)



THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED, THE REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Consent Renewal-Genesis	OIA section 9(2)(j)	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 under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.
Consent Renewal-Meridian	OIA section 9(2)(j)	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 under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

20-032 PUBLIC MEETING RESUMED:

Council resumed in open session at 10:45 pm.

It was **AGREED** that Council would hold a Special Meeting on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7 pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday 21 July 2022.

Meeting closed: 10:47 pm.



17/6/2022