

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD
AT 10AM ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2021, 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

Present: Owen Baigent Chair
Ben Minehan
Bill O’Leary
Robin Blackmore
Jean Willis
Steve Holmes
Jim Anderson
David Haynes
Bill Cash
Tom Kroos (Apologies for lateness)
Jack Gauld

In Attendance

Rhys Barrier Manager
Jacob Lucas Field Officer (Part meeting)
Vaughan Lynn Field Officer
Keepa Timms Ngai Tahu Representative
Dirk de Vries DOC Representative (Part meeting)

1. APOLOGIES. Ben Sowry, FO Lawson Davey

C1/09/21 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
B O’Leary/J Anderson
CARRIED

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No urgent business was identified.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Annual agenda noted, no changes made,

No one identified any conflicts with the listed agenda items.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

C2/09/21 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE
MEETING
B O’Leary/J Willis
CARRIED

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

Trust Power Consent, it is reported that Trust Power will not appeal Marlborough District Council's decision to not allow an extension to their consent.

The NM Sports Fish and Game Management Plan is slowly making progress with scheduled iwi catchups to discuss input, NZ F&G are looking into a national Management Plan template.

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

**C3/09/21 MOVE THAT THE JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT TOTTALLING \$131,300.61 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
B O'Leary/R Blackmore
CARRIED**

The Financial and Licence Sales reports were tabled and noted.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Tabled and accepted
J Willis/T Kroos

8. OPERATIONAL WORKPLAN REPORT

The manager updated Council on matters when asked.

Producing a fishing diary like the hunter diary was considered a good idea, FO Lucas will look at developing such.

Looking into the future for the next step from fishing the fish out ponds to river fishing Councillor Gauld asked if it is possible to release into local rivers such as the Wai-iti River, the Manager advised that he will start iwi consultation and explore future release sites around the Waimea catchment.

Concern was expressed that we did not have reliable statistics around the salmon runs/numbers in the Wairau River. The fishing diary discussed earlier will be one way of gathering information on salmon harvest as well as getting out and talking to anglers.

The draft MOU received from the Marlborough Kaikoura Trail Trust was discussed and it was agreed to hold off signing any documents until the resource consent application process is underway.

DOC LIAISON – Dirk de Vries was welcomed to the meeting.

Points discussed included new whitebait regulations, concessions, and information this region would like to see gathered from concession holders.

9. NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor O'Leary reported issues that the NZ Council are currently working on.

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- Implementation Review Committee
- High Country Access
- NPS FM and NES
- Firearm Safety
- RMA replacement legislation.

10. CHAIR REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended

- a zoom meeting with other South Island chairs.
- a joint meeting with a couple of West Coast Councillors and manager talking generally about what a merged region may look like.
- 2 gamebird shoots that were very successful
- The great gamebird food night.

He also thanked staff for organising and attending working bees around local farms after recent flooding in the region, this has been noted and very much appreciated by Federated Farmers.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

As a result of the recent council elections, and this region not requiring an election as only 10 nominations were received, Cr Kroos noted that the new Council will only have 2 representatives from Marlborough and that maybe we need to think about co-opting up to 2 people. The new Council will consider this at its first meeting.

Cr Haynes asked staff to look at rip rap that has been put in at Max's Bush, Haycock Road, as it was his understanding that local council had been asked to use groynes where possible. The Manager said he would take a look at the site.

MEETING CLOSED 3.55 pm

CHAIRMAN *O. J. Barger* DATED *16-11* 2021.

