

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

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD  
AT 10 AM ON 4 OCTOBER 2022, AT WAIRAU VALLEY MEMORIAL HALL, 17  
MORSE STREET WAIRAU VALLEY TOWNSHIP.**

**Present:** Owen Baigent  
Jean Willis  
Ian McLeod  
Felix Borenstein  
David Haynes  
Bill Cash  
Tom Kroos  
Nick King

**In Attendance**

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| Rhys Barrier | Manager          |
| Karen Crook  | Secretary        |
| Lawson Davey | Field Officer    |
| Jacob Lucas  | Field Officer    |
| Steve Ngatai | Volunteer Ranger |

**1. APOLOGIES**

Steve Holmes, Sebastien Den Doncker, Guy Gardiner,  
Keapa Timms (Ngai Tahu Representative)

**C1/10/22      MOVE            THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED**  
**T Kroos/F Borenstein**  
**CARRIED**

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER**

Tom Kroos requested that the Council go into committee before invited guests arrive

**3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

3.1 No changes to the Annual Agenda.

3.2 Draft 2023 Annual Agenda was confirmed.

3.3 Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest.

Nick King and Felix Borenstein noted their involvement in the freshwater fishing guiding industry with the items on the agenda that involved Designated Water Fisheries Management and Pressure Sensitive Fisheries paper. This was noted.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES**

**C2/10/22      MOVE            THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING BE**  
**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE**  
**MEETING.**  
**J Willis/I McLeod**  
**CARRIED**



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**9. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.**

1321 DESIGNATED WATERS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

**C7/10/22      MOVE      THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE ONE-OFF SPEND OF UP TO \$51,250 FROM THE BACK COUNTRY FISHERIES DEDICATED RESERVES FOR THE USE IN THE 22/23 FISHING SEASON FOR A WORK PROGRAM OF DRIFT DIVING AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING FOR PRESSURE SENSITIVE FISHERIES**  
**J Willis/N King**  
**CARRIED**

Nick King and Felix Borenstein wished to be advised when the NZ Council CE was visiting the region so discussion on the National Policy on the Quality Waters Management System could be further discussed. There was a view expressed that NZFGC need to involve the guiding fraternity more in constructing this system to ensure it is successful.

**10. FUTURE TREATMENT OF NON-RESIDENT LEVY (INCLUSION AS LICENCE INCOME)**

The Council was asked to feed back to the NZ Council on the following points

1. Whether to include the non-resident levy as general licence income from the 2023/24 Financial year onwards. – 5 Disagreed      3 Agreed
2. Whether existing non-resident reserves should:
  - a. Remain in regional dedicated reserves. – 5 Disagreed      3 Agreed
  - b. Be merged into a National Pool. – 5 Disagreed      3 Agreed
  - c. Be maintained in the Regions for use until 2024/25 then merged into a National Pool. – 5 Disagreed      3 Agreed

A third option was discussed and will be relayed back to NZ Council with Regions copied in

3. Retain a proportion of the non-resident reserve within regional dedicated reserves and merge the rest into a national pool – supported 5/3.

The reasoning behind this was that regions with high non-resident angling activity such as Nelson Marlborough, do have a need to retain **some** of the non-resident levy for annual back country fisheries management purposes such as ensuring compliance with the new pressure sensitive fisheries regime, which will increase regional management costs if implemented.

The Council also requested clarification on an aspect of paragraph 24 where it is stated that: *an offset in resident licence fees could support accessibility of New Zealand's freshwater sports fishery to whanau hapu*. Clarification was sought that this statement was simply referring to the current cost barrier for some NZ families to freshwater fishing.

**11. BRUNO BROSNAN – FULTON HOGAN – MARLBOROUGH FISH OUT POND**

Bruno was welcomed and introduced to the Council: Bruno updated the Council on where Fulton Hogan was at in their application for a gravel extraction consent with the Marlborough District Council at the proposed site of the fish out pond. By way of a power point presentation Bruno

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explained the long and costly process that is involved in these types of work for Fulton Hogan. he said that they are committed to seeing this consent through, but it has become a drawn-out process with the MDC, partly due to change of staff at MDC.

**12. DOC LIAISON**

Phil Bradfield, Anna Henderson and Kate Hunt were welcomed to the meeting, Phil introduced Anna and Kate the two new Freshwater Rangers for the top of the South Island. Anna gave a power point presentation outlining the role of a Freshwater Ranger and talked about some of the summer projects that they will be involved with. It was highlighted that there are good opportunities for the Fish & Game Field Officers and the Freshwater Rangers to work together in some areas and it was agreed that staff would meet to look at their work plans and assist each other where feasible.

On behalf of the Council the Chair thanked Phil Bradfield for all his hard work and assistance that he has given the Council and staff in his role as Department of Conservation Operations Manager South Marlborough Region and wished him well in his retirement and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

*12.45 The meeting was adjourned for lunch and a visit to the hatchery followed.*

**MEETING CLOSED 12.45 pm**

Chair *O. J. Burgeri* Dated *6.12.* 2022