

## **MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 AT GREYMOUTH AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Mark Smith (attended from 7:18pm), Dean Phibbs, Bruce Erickson, David Heine, Owen Smith.

*In attendance:* Tim Shaw (DoC) (attended from 7:18 pm), Sean Climo (Ngai Tahu), Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker), John Boyce (Public).

### **APOLOGIES:**

Messrs' Smith and Shaw informed the council through the Manager that they would be arriving late.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Mark Smith and Tim Shaw be accepted.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Seconder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

### **AGENDA**

The Chair proposed 2 changes to the Agenda. Adding a NZC report Agenda Item and a Publicly Excluded session to discuss private vehicle use. Council agreed to the new Agenda.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Inger Perkins gave a presentation on the role of the Walking Access Commission.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No new conflicts of interest were noted.

### **ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

Council reviewed the Accumulative Action List, adding:

- An Agenda Item for the next meeting to propose changes to the Game Bird regulations.
- An Agenda Item to set next year's meeting dates.
- An Agenda Item for the next meeting to consider Council's Standing Orders.
- Remove Item 1 (WAC invitation).

Motion proposed: **That Council make the above listed amendments to the Accumulative Action List.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

### **MINUTES**

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the July 2016 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion proposed: **That the inwards correspondence be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That Council write a letter to NZC and put the 6 suggestions along with some method that the NZ Council is ensuring that the SOP's are being followed. The suggestions listed: Annual Reporting, Species Monitoring, Staff and Councillor Inductions, Communications, Brand Standards, Health and Safety Risk Assessment.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council support the Angling Ethics in the form that it is in.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **West Coast Fish and Game Council request the NZ Council formulate a policy on catch and release fishing that gives effect to the following: "Catch and release fishing is widely promoted as a conservation minded approach to angling, however the playing and handling of fish can still lead to negative sub-lethal effects or even death of fish at a later stage. Fish and Game therefore promote the hooking and landing of no more than 6 fish per day per angler, to maintain and enhance fisheries."**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **West Coast Fish and Game Council advise the NZ Council that it supports the issue of a free fish or game licence to landowners to fish or hunt with the administrative system for this to be developed by NZ Council.**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **West Coast Fish and Game Council confirm to the NZ Council that the West Coast Council supports the phasing out of lead shot in all full and sub-gauge guns for all gamebird shooting. Furthermore, as a rider to this advice, the West Coast Council request that the NZ Council advise the Minister of the anomaly existing whereby Canada Geese, rabbits or other game can be hunted using lead shot in environments (including conservation land) game birds inhabit.**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **West Coast Fish and Game Council supports the overarching objectives of the Resource Management (RM) Strategy as provided in draft form via the NZ Council but note that success depends on regional compliance with any national policy (existing or to be developed), with this confirmation of support and its proviso re regional compliance to be conveyed to the NZ Council.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Motion proposed: **That the Financial Report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

## **OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Mr Kelly provided a summary of the changes in angling use in the West Coast Region from the National Angler Survey.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Report be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Secunder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Sports Fish Spawning Survey 2015 – 2016 Report and the Salmon Otolith Research Report 2016 be received. That the recommendations be adopted and staff thanked for their work.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

## **NZC REPORT**

Mr Harris presented a report from the NZ council meeting.

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Secunder: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

## **DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSERVATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Tim Shaw notified the Council of an access issue to the Kokatahi and Toaroha Rivers.

## **Private Use of Motor Vehicles**

Motion proposed: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, Private Use of Motor Vehicles.**

**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                       | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| Information provided in confidence              | Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 | Section 48(l)(a)(ii)   |

**This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows: Private Use of Motor Vehicles.**

**It is also moved that the Manager be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the subject matter being considered. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because the Manager prepared the background information.**

Proposer: A Harris      Seconder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

**Motion proposed: That the West Coast Fish and Game Council move out of a publicly excluded meeting and resume the public meeting.**

Proposer: R Roney      Seconder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

Meeting resumed at 9:25pm  
Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Chair..... Date.....