

# North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012,  
At the Canterbury Horticultural Society Centre,  
57 Riccarton Avenue  
Commencing at 7.55pm

## 1. Present:

**Councillors:** Martin Clements, Peter Robinson, Serge Bonnafoux, Trevor Isitt, Steve McNeill, Bruce Kelly, Paul Farrow, Garth Free, Hamish Greig, Ken Lee, Brian Smart.

**Co-opted Members:** Cavan O'Connell (Ngai Tahu).

**Staff:** Rod Cullinane, Steve Terry, Ross Millichamp, Tony Hawker, Dirk Barr, Kelvin Wright, Debbie Ambler, Andrew Currie (NZ Council)

## 2. Apologies:

Malcolm Gilbert, (Federated Farmers), Cr Chris Goom, Scott Pearson (staff)  
"That the apologies be accepted".

**Moved:** Cr Isitt

**Seconded:** Cr Kelly

**Carried**

R Cullinane advised that until a Chairman had been elected, he would preside over the meeting. He welcomed and congratulated newly elected Councillors Cr Greig, Cr Free and Cr Lee and other councillors who were re-elected.

## 3. Notification of General Business

3.1 Appointment of the Chairman. Only one nomination was received as follows:

"Nomination - Cr Clements".

**Moved:** Cr Kelly

**Seconded:** Cr Smart

**Elected Unopposed**

3.2 Appointment for the National Council. Only one nomination was received as follows:

"Nomination - Cr Robinson".

**Moved:** Cr Smart

**Seconded:** Cr Bonnafoux

**Elected Unopposed**

Cr Clements took the Chair and welcomed the new Councillors and stated he would write a letter to acknowledge the service of Cr Cleghorn (retired) and Cr Stanton (retired).

3.3 Notification of General Business

Cr McNeill Use of reserve funds

Cr McNeill Quality of information in the Annual Report

Cr Robinson Measurement of oxygen levels

Cr Smart Sandwand

Cr Clements and R Cullinane were tasked to draw up draft allocation of Council Portfolios in conjunction with the Operational Work Plan for discussion at the February meeting.

#### 4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

"That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted but with the corrections as noted" (refer below)

Moved: Cr Robinson  
Seconded: Cr Isitt Carried

#### Amendments:

- i. 4 - "Moved" Name = Cr Kelly; "Seconded" Name = Cr Bonnafoux
- ii. 7 - Delete in total the passage on Water Take and River Health Research

Discussion followed on "catch and release" of salmon and suggestion made that the wording in the angler survey be more specific to ensure that salmon hooked and lost were not counted as caught and released. To be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

#### 5. Matters Arising/Action Sheet

Action Sheet - **Item 9** dated 17 October 12 - Regulation Books - Cr Robinson to clarify with National Office if these can be sent directly to Licence Agents. That Cr Robinson notify R Cullinane of the outcome.

Action Sheet - **Item 3** dated December 11 - to be deleted. Tanker to be brought to next Council meeting.

Action Sheet - **Item 2** dated 17 October 12 - Didson - R Cullinane to investigate the eligibility for Pub Charity funding and other possible funding options.

Action Sheet - **Item 3** dated 17 October 12 - Salmon Report - That staff together with the Trout and Salmon Committee bring recommendations about future harvest regulations to the February meeting for possible inclusion in the 2013-14 Anglers Notice. The Council need to form a view to feed into the Anglers Notice stakeholder consultation process. Cr McNeill asked that new Councillors be invited to join the Trout and Salmon Committee.

Matters Arising - **7bi** dated 17 October 12 - Signage at the Waimak River Mouth and McIntosh's Rocks, North & South Rakia Huts - that this be discussed at the next Council Meeting

Regulations - That the regulations pertaining to fishing in the McKenzie Country canals be discussed with the Central South Island Council at the next joint meeting.

#### 6. Public Notification Session

Nil.

#### 7. Meeting Business

##### Salmon Management Plan

R Millichamp spoke to the revised plan stating that it had changed from being a stand-alone South Island plan to being that of amendments to each of the existing Sports Fish plans for the five participating regions.

Cr McNeill pointed out the omission of a map on Page 5 and the need to include reference to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan in the list of relevant regional plans on page 10.

"That subject to including the map on Page 5 and including reference to the WRRP on p 10, that the Council adopt the Plan as an amendment of the North Canterbury Fish and Game Region Sports Fish and Game Management Plan 2011. That the Council publicly notify the amendment as per the attached schedule, by the end of May 2013."

Moved: Cr McNeill  
Seconded: Cr Smart Carried

## 8. Reports

### 8a. Chairman's Report

Cr Clements stated he had various meetings with R Cullinane and D Ambler regarding the accounts as well as matters to do with the switch to Kiwibank. Other meetings he attended were with Trustpower, issues to do with 3 Horatio Street, Water Rights Trust, and CERA.

### 8b. Staff Report

Land and Water Regional Plan - R Cullinane spoke briefly about how the "One Plan" expertise developed in-house for the Wellington region could be adopted by other regions as suggested at the last Managers' meeting. He also commented that he had suggested that Fish and Game should investigate whether they should have their own in-house Legal Counsel in an effort to drive down costs and advised he had been tasked by the NZ Managers to review this area of expenditure and present his report to the February 2013 Managers meeting..

General discussion ensued on the need to be more selective and to prioritise issues to be taken on and of the need to "fight smarter" through public awareness. R Millichamp thought that more use could be made of in-house technical expertise rather than contracted experts. Cr Lee stated the need to keep licence holders more aware of the issues and to get them back to being interested in Fish and Game.

### 8c. Financial Report

#### 8c i Managers Report

R Cullinane spoke to the Managers Report regarding the sale of the building, the CERA offer on the land and the demolition of 3 Horatio Street in January 2013.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Cr Isitt</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Cr McNeill</b>	<b>Carried</b>

#### 8c ii Financial Report

R Cullinane stated that the figures being presented were based on the actual month of receipt or expenditure.

Cr McNeill asked that the figures in September and October 2012 under Field Equipment be investigated as they seemed rather high. He also commented that the salaries expenditure after 2 months of the new financial year was ahead of budget. R Cullinane to advise Council following investigation as he did not have the monthly ledgers at the meeting.

Cr Farrow suggested a media release be completed on how good the salmon fishery was currently.

### 8d. Portfolios

**NZ Council** - Cr Robinson stated that the transparency of the minutes from National meetings had improved and the Council should be more functional in the new term. He advised there was an issue of candidates soliciting votes from outside their home regions during the recent Council elections and that this should be addressed.

**Fish in Schools** - It was reported that all went well with the program over the year and the last release had been done by Waikuku School.

**Gamebird** - Cr Isitt reported that their meeting had been delayed because of the Council elections.

**Media** - Cr Farrow stated that should he get this portfolio back, attention to attending more public events/shows be addressed and that the displays and material need to be updated and be more interactive.

It was noted by the Chairman, that R Cullinane was now with Fish and Game as the full time General Manager.

## 9. General Business

- 9a **Fish & Game Greenpark Fund** - Cr McNeill stated there was a substantial amount of money sitting in this account that needed to be committed. He tasked staff to come back to the next meeting with projects that the funds could be used for.
- 9b. **Presentation of Annual Report** - Cr McNeill asked that the performance measures reported in the Annual Report be aligned with the recorded outcomes.
- 9c. **Submission on behalf of the Salmon Anglers Association** - Cr Robinson stated the Association needed to measure oxygen concentrations in the braided rivers and asked Council if they could help out. Staff thought it unlikely that they would find anything other than 100% saturation levels and questioned the validity of the project.

R Cullinane to send an updated list of Honorary Rangers to all Councillors for reference.

R Cullinane and D Ambler to program proposed 2013 Council meetings dates and circulate for confirmation to Council members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next Meeting: To be advised

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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