

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 7 September 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Present: B Growcott P McLauchlan
 M Hall G Rooney (Chairman)
 D Isbister B Whipp
 L Koevoet

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator), A Christensen (Resource Officer), J Couper (Fish and Game Officer), M Webb (Fish and Game Officer), R Adams (Fish and Game Officer), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer) Richard Cosgrove (Communications Advisor) and D Winterburn (DoC). 3 members of the public.

17-034 APOLOGIES:

J Henry (Ngai Tahu), J Cruden, W Spry.

AGREED that the apologies of J Henry, J Cruden and W Spry be accepted.

17-035 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. There were no additions to be added.

17-036 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises.

17-037 GENERAL BUSINESS:

Liaison meeting with Environment Canterbury (JG)

17-038 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 15 June 2017

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

17-017

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 JUNE 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

17-039 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

039.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Resolved (Hall/Growcott)

17-018

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$80,689.32 AND \$65,914.66, RESPECTIVELY.



17-040 DOC LIAISON:

D Winterburn updated Council on various works undertaken by DoC including:

- Whitebait season has commenced with a few warnings being issued already.
- Funding has been renewed for O Tu Whare Kai projects in the Ashburton Basin.
- Shorebird Management Strategy meetings related to the Ashburton River.
- Lake Poaka willow control.

17-041 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

041.1 Sockeye Spawning (8.1)

Council noted it was pleasing to see such a significant increase in numbers of sockeye salmon. It was thought that this could be contributing to the increased trout productivity in Lake Benmore. It was felt it would be good to establish a monitoring programme to understand more about this situation. It could serve as an index of aquatic health and good water quality. It was **AGREED** that staff bring a monitoring proposal to the October Council meeting for Council's consideration.

041.2 Ahuriri River Angler Satisfaction Survey 2016 (8.2)

In light of the information contained in the report Council did not see a need to nominate the Ahuriri River as a backcountry fishery. Council found it pleasing that the report showed angler satisfaction is high and were interested to see 50% of anglers fishing the Ahuriri River were Non-Resident anglers.

Resolved (Hall/McLaughlin)

17-019

THAT CSI COUNCIL COMMENDS HAMISH STEVENS ON HIS REPORT ON THE AHURIRI ANGLER SATISFACTION SURVEY.

Dave Winterburn (DoC) left the meeting at 8:40 pm.

041.3 Draft Standing Orders (8.3)

Council were provided with a copy of the Draft Standing Orders for review and comment. Council worked through the report and made comments on areas where they sought change or clarification. The following points were unanimously agreed to:

- That 1.13.2 be changed to read 'Council' instead of 'Chairman' when a decision is to be made on whether a member of Council is to remain or leave the Council meeting room.
- That only the listing of topics to be discussed for the upcoming Council meeting be posted on the Fish and Game website.
- That only Confirmed Minutes of Meetings are to be posted on the Fish and Game website.
- That section 2.6 - Electronic Attendance be removed.
- That the Chief Executive obtain a definition for Qualified Privilege and for Contempt.

Resolved (Isbister/Koevoet)

17-020

THAT THE CHANGES AGREED TO BY COUNCIL AT THE SEPTEMBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING BE ACTIONED AND THE STANDING ORDERS BE PRESENTED TO THE OCTOBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING FOR FORMAL ADOPTION.

041.4 Budget Policy for National Policy (8.4)

Provided for Council consideration was a report received from NZ Council bringing forward recommendations for National Policy relating to financial management, recording, and reporting. In particular it relates to policies under 2.7 National Budget Policy in existing national policy.

Chief Executive noted that section 2.7.6 stated that “*all expenditure will need to be approved as part of the budget round.*” This would mean that Non-Resident Licence income and habitat fund would require ‘approval’ to spend. He felt this should read ‘notified’ and not ‘approval’.

Resolved (Isbister/Whipp)

17-021

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL AGREE TO THE REVISED NATIONAL BUDGET POLICY SUBJECT TO THE WORD ‘APPROVAL’ BEING CHANGED TO ‘NOTIFIED’ ON SECTION 2.7.6.

041.5 Code of Conduct for Sports Fishing (8.5)

Council considered the draft paper on Code of Conduct for Sports Fishing.

Resolved (Isbister/Growcott)

17-022

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL APPROVES THE DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORTS FISHING FOR PUBLICATION.

17-042 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

042.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (8.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics reported in their activities and operations reports. Topics included:

- Hinds Drain – work undertaken has been encouraging with an adult trout being caught during monitoring. M Webb noted the work has created deep pool habitat that was not previously present.
- RDR Consents and concerns at further delays. Fish and Game will be formally writing to Environment Canterbury raising concerns about the basis for the further delay. We will be requesting information on how non-compliance by RDR will be addressed and who was consulted on the proposal to have further delays as Fish and Game as a statutory body were not consulted.
- Spawning Surveys – it was confirmed that aerial counts are the most accurate form of this information.

The following staff reports were provided to Council for information.

- Lake Alexandrina and McGregor Monitoring
- 2016/17 Salmon Harvest
- 2017 Whole Season Game Bird Harvest
- Waitaki Salmon Fishery Projects – 2016/17 Progress
- Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Trial
- All Day Bay Lagoon Management

Bill Whipp left the meeting at 10:50 pm.

17-043 NZFGC MATTERS:

043.1 Report from NZ Meeting of September 2017

M Hall provided an update on NZC matters. Topics included:

- Appointment of Martin Taylor as the NZ Council Chief Executive
- Planning for the Salmon Symposium
- NZC approval to continue to support cost of CSI's Infinity Case
- Approval of funding to North Canterbury FGC for a nitrogen logger
- Guides Licence proposal rejected by the Minister of Conservation
- Process for Fish and Game Council elections
- Non-biodegradable plastic wads
- Anglers Notice simplification.

17-044 GENERAL BUSINESS:

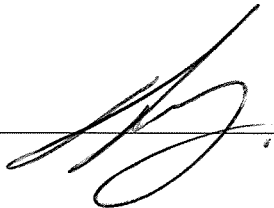
044.1 Liaison meeting with Environment Canterbury – 21 November 2017 (JG)

Chief Executive advised that Environment Canterbury Councillors would like to hold a meeting with CSI Councillors to discuss any issues they felt worthwhile. The Chairman stressed that it was important to have good representation by CSI Councillors so encouraged Councillors to find the time to attend. This meeting would be held in the CSI Council boardroom.

Meeting closed: 11:15 pm.

Next Council Meeting – 19 October 2017

Signed



Date

19 Oct 2017