



our external costs with the Covid-19 situation. It also needed to be recognised that the ability of staff to move around could change in the coming weeks.

**Resolved (Hall/Isbister)**

**20-019**

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2020 AND FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$101,682.40 AND \$335,780.09, RESPECTIVELY.**

**20-019 DOC LIAISON:**

No representative from DoC attended the meeting.

**20-020 ECAN LIAISON:**

No representative from Environment Canterbury attended the meeting.

**20-021 CHAIR'S REPORT:**

021.1 SI Chair's Letter to NZ Council (8.1)

Chair advised that he had not yet received a response from NZC on the letter sent over a month ago by the South Island Chairs. Council felt that it was reasonable to expect a response in a month so therefore thought it would be appropriate to request a response. It was deemed a matter of integrity for NZC to respond.

021.2 Communications with Stakeholders (8.2)

Chair advised that he had informally approached a dairy company about a meeting to discuss matters of mutual interests and this company has informally agreed to this. Councillors suggested that more than one diary company be approached, and this was agreed to.

Chair asked that S Bannister and M Hall please bring their Communications Policy to the May Council meeting for discussion.

021.3 CSI Strategic Planning Workshop (8.3)


Chair advised that with the Covid-19 situation now escalating and affecting things such as air travel Council needed to postpone the Strategy Workshop planned for 28 March 2020. He recognised Council wished to move forward with this as soon as practicable and would be planning to progress this as the situation allows.


**20-022 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:**


022.1 Draft 2020/21 OWP (9.1)

Chief Executive presented the draft OWP for Council's consideration. To further facilitate Council's review of the OWP the various objectives were colour-coded to the following key:

Key:

 Must do per statutory function

 Necessary based on current work programme

 Councillor interests

 Could delete or defer to fit available Staff time

■ Consider whether a “priority”

This was to provide Councillors with a basis to apply a priority to each objective in accordance with its status.

CE advised that the total time allocation for all objectives listed resulted in over-commitment of staff time by 95 days and stated that some objectives needed to be deleted or postponed in order for the total OWP objectives to be achieved within the full-time staff allocation.

Various comments were forthcoming, and it was generally accepted that it was not possible to complete all the objects listed. M Hall queried how the CE thought Council should tackle this? CE responded that in the first instance the grey and dark grey areas could be postponed.

**Resolved (Koevoet/Hall)**

**20-020**

**THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2020/2021 OWP SUBJECT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAKING SUBSEQUENT NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO FIT WITHIN STAFF WORKING HOURS.**

022.2 Draft 2020/21 Budget (9.2)

Chief Executive explained the various outputs and their expenditures and advised that he had balanced the budget according to the allocated CSI bulk fund. He suggested that CSI apply for Contestable Funding from reserves to complete salmon spawning surveys and Deep Stream restoration works. Council **AGREED** to apply for contestable funds on those suggested projects.

**Resolved (McKenzie/Koevoet)**

**20-021**

**THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2020/2021 BUDGET WITH APPROVAL TO SUBMIT CONTESTABLE FUNDS ON SALMON SPAWNING SURVEYS AND DEEP STREAM RESTORATION.**

022.3 Fish and Game Strategic Communication Plan (9.3)

NZ Fish and Game Council requested that Councils consider and provide comment on their Draft Strategic Communications Plan. The NZC has requested feedback from regional Fish and Game Councils for consideration at its April meeting.

Chair felt that this document would be a good format to use as a baseline to develop CSI's Communications Strategy.

CSI Council did not agree or accept that regions must seek NZC approval before speaking to the media on regional issues. Regions are autonomous and must have the ability to speak on their regional issues. Examples given were NZC staff have inadequate expertise to comment on local resource consent issues such as the Rangitata and McKenzie country.

**THAT CSI COUNCIL RECEIVES THE NZ COUNCIL DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THE PLAN TO FORM A SUBMISSION TO THE NZ COUNCIL.**

022.4 Upper Tekapo Canal Trout Harvest and Angler Use Survey (9.4)

Council commended R Adams on an excellent report. It was noted that the report was readable, accessible and persuasive. R Adams responded to queries on various aspects of his report.

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE UPPER TEKAPO CANAL TROUT HARVEST AND ANGLER USE SURVEY AND APPROVE ALL FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT IN THE REPORT.**

The recommendations were as follows:

1. Introduce a closed season for all sports fishing above the SH8 Bridge on the Tekapo Canal from June 1 to August 31, 2021.
2. Make no additional spawning season closures at the canal fishery for the 2020-2021 sports fishing season.
3. Repeat this survey during the trout spawning season of 2020 and include the Month of May to better capture brown trout spawning.
4. Proactively promote best practice catch and release techniques targeted to canal anglers before and during the spawning season fishing opportunities.
5. Produce a scoping document that identifies options for long-term management of sustainable hydro-canal trout and salmon populations in the recreational interests of anglers.

**20-023 NZFGC REPORT:**

Report Received.

R Adams left the meeting at 9 10 pm.

**20-024 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS:**

024.1 P Hodgson – Rangitata River Statutory Plan

The Chair referred to an email received from P Hodgson advising that the Salmon Anglers Association will make a deputation to ECan regarding the need for ECan to prepare a statutory plan for the Rangitata River.

M Hall noted that CSI has formally submitted on this and have received a reply from Environment Canterbury which has been made available to Council.

Council agreed that it would be prepared to meet with the Salmon Anglers Assn to discuss the issue of the statutory plan and a way forward on the issue of the Rangitata River.

024.2 Risk Management Matrix

Chief Executive advised that he wished to add the situation of Covid-19 to the Risk Management Matrix. M Hall added that this issue is also on Council's shoulders and felt

that the Chief Executive should not have to be shouldering this alone. CE agreed to keep Council informed on issues as the situation progresses.

024.3 Winnemem Wintu

Chief Executive provided Council with a paper seeking approval/support from Council for CSI to assist the Winnemem Wintu People with a project to collect tissue samples from NZ chinook salmon. The purpose is to assess the genetic similarity between chinook salmon resident in NZ with those from northern California rivers. The long-term goal is to restore salmon to the McCloud River. Authority was sought from the Council for the CSI CE to sign a joint agreement with North Canterbury F&G Council and the Winnemem People. L Koevoet declared his 'interest' in this matter as he is a member of the Waitaki Salmon Enhancement Society who would be assisting with some of the sample collection.

**Resolved (Hall/Brooks)**

**20-024**

**THAT COUNCIL GIVES AUTHORITY FOR ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WINNEMEM WINTU PEOPLE TO ASSIST WITH A CHINOOK SALMON TISSUE COLLECTION PROJECT.**

L Koevoet abstained from voting.

024.4 Inventory

S Gerard queried the status of the email he sent regarding inventory. Chair responded that Council currently has an OWP that it can't presently resource, particularly with the Covid-19 situation ahead. He felt the topic of inventory would be more suited for discussion at Council's Strategic Planning session.

S Gerard further expressed his frustration that no Councillors responded to his email on the issue. M Hall responded that he was not prepared to undertake Council business via emails as Council meetings are the appropriate place for Council discussion and decisions.

Chair undertook to discuss with Geoff Thorn some alternative dates for a Strategic Planning session to be held.

**20-025 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

No discussion took place.

Meeting closed: 9:45 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 21 May 2020

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_