

**MINUTES OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
THE GAME FARM ON THE 9th June 2020 AT 6:00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Bates (Chairman), Niblett, Williams, Lumsden, Mackay, Pinker,
Duley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Friedlander (Regional Manager), Dave Stoney (Napier Anglers Club)

1.0 WELCOME:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.00pm and notified everyone that the meeting would be recorded.

2.0 APOLOGIES:

Crs. Nimon, Bowcock, Hickmott, Elstone and Hern

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (14 April 2020)

3.1 That having previously been circulated to members, the minutes of the meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council held on 14 April 2020 are a true and accurate record.

Duley/Pinker

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing Tabled.

6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The conflict of interest register was passed around and no conflicts were tabled.

At this point it was decided to discuss the future of the Tutira fishery prior to the OWP as this would impact budgeting for the 2020/21 year.

8.0 Tutira

Jesse provided Council with an update on the situation at Tutira. Members of the Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust have indicated that they cannot support further releases of trout into the lake until they have developed further understanding of the species interactions within the lake. Jesse has contacted Tania Hopmans and James Lyver and had offered to meet and discuss this.

It was discussed that it would be beneficial to meet with the MTT trustees and Cr. Bates, Cr. Duley and Jesse should do this.

That Cr. Bates, Cr. Duley and Jesse are to request a meeting with the trustees of MTT to discuss the future of the Lake Tutira fishery.

Lumsden/Mackay

7.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

Jesse gave Council an update on the proposed contract for Eastern administration work. This is forecast to total 120hrs at the cost of \$6720. We will also need to include extra money for any field work that Eastern does for us. It was suggested that we keep a total of \$11,000 in this budget for the 202/21 year. This is a decrease of \$6,000 from the 2019/20 budget.

Jesse also gave Council an update on other savings made for the 202/21 financial year which were detailed in the agenda.

That Council agrees in principal to a contract with Eastern Fish and Game for the 2020/21 year for 120hrs of admin work to the value of \$6720.

That Council agrees to reducing the existing Eastern Contract budget from \$17,000 to \$11,000.

Lumsden/Mackay

Cr. Williams stated that he did not believe the \$4800 should be kept in Game Farm Development and the overall budget should be reduced by this amount. This was voted on.

That Council agrees to keep \$4800 in the Game Farm development budget for the 2020/21 year.

Niblett/Pinker Williams against.

9.0 Licence Fees

That the proposed 2020-2021 season adult whole season sports fish licence fee of \$133 and adult whole season game licence fee of \$98 (inclusive of a \$4 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) inclusive of GST be accepted.

Duley/Pinker

10.0 Anglers Notice

It was discussed that many stores are no longer stocking lures with treble hooks.

That Council considers and approves the Anglers Notice for the 2020-2021 year.
Williams/Niblett

11.0 Fish and Game Licensing Contract

The paper discussed by managers and written by Andy Garrick (Eastern Fish and Game Manager) and Kate Thompson (Office Manager, Eastern Fish and Game) was circulated and discussed.

That Council supports in principal the signing of the contract with Eyede, with any amendments agreed upon by the licensing working party incorporated.

Niblett/Mackay

12.0 Liaison Officer Reports

Cr. Duley provided an update from NZC. There have been a lot of meetings via Zoom videoconference recently and these are available to watch via the NZ F&G website.

The Minister of Conservation is going ahead with a review of Fish and Game. The terms of reference for the review have not yet been released.

There was a discussion around Cr. Duley's attendance of NZC meetings. He has attended all meetings except three of the last four as they all occurred within two weeks while he was filming in Fiordland.

Cr. Williams requested an update on the Colmar Brunton survey which was to gauge the opinion of licence holders of Fish and Game's recent advocacy work that has received a lot of public attention. The NZC had decided that the NZC CEO was to refrain from making negative public comments about dairy farmers/the rural sector until the results of the poll was out. The poll has now been completed.

13.1 Management Report

Jesse provided Council with an update on the TANK plan change and advised that a Hawke's Bay Fish and Game submission was being prepared.

13.2 Health and Safety Report

That Council accepts the health and safety report
Lumsden/Mackay

13.3 Finance Report

Cr. Williams queried the costs associated with the development of the Game Farm site. This was over budget as the Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund dedicated reserve had been approved for this use by Council and had been used in addition to the 2019/20 budgeted cost.

The variance report showing the staff had spent over the allocated budgeted hours for Assisted Habitat and Game Farm was also discussed. This was due to any greenhouse work being put to those two codes and the differing work schedule resulting from Covid-19.

That the finance report is accepted
Duley/Pinker

13.4 Licence Report

That Council accepts the licence report
Mackay/Williams

14.0 Public Excluded Section 8:15pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting

Mackay/Niblett

That the public meeting resumes 8:45pm
Niblett/Duley

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.


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Chairman

11-8-20
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