

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND  
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD  
AT 1PM ON 15 FEBRUARY 2022, AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

**Present:** Owen Baigent  
Jean Willis  
Steve Holmes  
David Haynes  
Bill Cash  
Tom Kroos  
Guy Gardiner

**Present Remotely**

Sebastien Den Doncker  
Keepa Timms            Ngai Tahu Representative

**In Attendance**

Karen Crook            Secretary  
Lawson Davey        Field Officer  
Jacob Lucas            Field Officer

**In Attendance Remotely**

Rhys Barrier            Manager  
Chris Golding        DOC Representative (1pm to 1.30pm)

**1. APOLOGIES**            Felix Borenstein, Ian McLeod, Nick King, Phil Bradfield (DOC)

**C1/02/22 MOVE        THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED**  
**T Kroos/J Willis**  
**CARRIED**

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER**

The following urgent business was identified and added as a late agenda item,

- Regional Structure Review Update.
- R3 Enhancement and activity in Marlborough.

**3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

It was noted on the annual agenda that additional meetings may be required when the Draft Regional Structure Review Report comes out for Council's feedback. This is expected to be late February with a short feedback date of 2 weeks.

Councillors signed the Conflict register and identified whether there were any topics to be discussed at this meeting they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest.

Potential Conflicts noted.

David Haynes -- Secretary of NZFFA

Tom Kroos Trust Power -- Branch River Site Ecologist.

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**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

C2/02/22      **MOVE            THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING WITH THE ADDED EXPLANATION BELOW**  
**D Haynes/G Gardiner**  
**CARRIED**

Motion C5/11/21 – “One objection G Gardiner” – it is noted that the objection was for the process taken to get to the decision to co-op members not the individual co-opted members.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE**

**NON-COMMERCIAL PHEASANT PRESERVE – VAVASOUR FAMILY TRUST.**

This Council’s views on a commercial pheasant preserve application received from the Vavasour Family Trust, was sought from the Minister of Conservation who has the final approval of commercial preserves under the Wildlife Act. After consultation via emails between the Manager and Councillors the Minister was advised that the majority of NM Councillors did not oppose and had no major concerns to the commercial preserve in this region.

Reflection discussion was held and based on the information received from the applicant that the proposal was for a non-commercial preserve, the Chair felt that advising them to come back once they had DOC approval was the correct one.

**NZPFGA 30 YEAR CONCESSION APPLICATION AND GUIDES LICENCE**

The Manager was asked to write to the NZ F&G Council formally expressing this region’s concerns over the lack of consultation by the Department of Conservation on the application from the NZPFGA’s concession application and lack of movement on the proposed guide’s licence.

The rationale is that it is Fish and Game’s statutory role to manage salmonid fisheries which cannot be done adequately without concession use information from the guiding industry and a Guides Licence.

**ACTION MANAGER**

**6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

C3/02/22      **MOVE            THAT THE NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2021 AND THE JANUARY 2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING \$170,841.07 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT**  
**D Haynes/T Kroos**  
**CARRIED**

It was noted that the Accounts for January should read 2022 not 2021.

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The Financial and Licence Sales reports were tabled and noted.

**7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

Council discussed the near miss during the Wairau drift dive. The Council considered the report from staff and accept and have confidence with future mitigation measures.

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted

**8. HATCHERY REPORT.**

Work site mitigation for COVID 19 was discussed and it was agreed that this was a very low risk site and would be looked at on a visitor-by-visitor case, with the government protocols adhered to.

**9. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.**

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

**10. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LIAISON**

Chris Golding updated the Council

- The appointment of 2 new Freshwater Rangers in the Tasman Marlborough Region.
- Pest Fish Work Plan currently being reviewed.

Chris said that it would be helpful to know any possible questions from the Council before the meeting so he could prepare.

**11. DRAFT 2022/23 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN**

The draft 22/23 Operational Work Plan was discussed, and the following points will be added into this draft ready for final approval at the March Council meeting

- Add Grey Teal to gamebird tread counts
- Add monitor native fishery population health when monitoring sports fish in the Branch River.
- Reword 1212 so that not just resource consent applications are monitored but other events as well.
- Reword 1214 so that it includes any man-made impoundment.
- Add 1234 Represent Fish & Game interests through active support of the Grovetown Lagoon project.

The staff recommendations for contestable bids was approved with an additional 1 for increase in overhead \$'s. to cover the rising cost of things such as fuel.

Councillor Guy Gardiner presented a proposal for R3 and activity in Marlborough.

The proposal was supported in principle. CI Gardiner was asked to continue to talk with the 3 Iwi and get their support in writing. the other key factor is changing the fishing regulations to allow all anglers to fish the Taylor River. this change will be discussed at the Fish Committee meeting that is due in late March. early April. with their recommendation going to full Council on 17 May 2022.

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**12. NZ COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

Councillor Kroos reported that he Zoomed into part of the NZ Council December meeting from MIQ.

Points discussed included preliminary options for regional amalgamations, this summary document will be sent to all Fish & Game Councils for feedback soon.

**13. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair said that it had been a quiet 2 months with nothing to report.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Noted

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS.**

No General Business

**MEETING CLOSED 4.00 pm**

Chair     *J. Z. Baygeni*     Dated     15 - 3     ✓ 2022