

## North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Rooms at 3 Horatio Street, Christchurch, at 7pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

### 1. Present:

Councillors: Martin Clements, Peter Robinson, Bruce Kelly, Barry Cleghorn, Bob Stanton, Brian Smart, Serge Bonnafoux, Trevor Isitt, Peter Robinson, Paul Farrow, Steve McNeill.

Co-opted Members: Malcolm Gilbert, (Federated Farmers) Cavan O'Connell (Ngai Tahu).

Staff: Rod Cullinane, Steve Terry, Tony Hawker, Dirk Barr.

Public: Kelvin Wright, Keith Gibbs, Ron Stuart, Granville Holmes.

**2. Apologies:** Brian Smart, John Crawley.  
*Moved* Trevor Isitt, *Seconded* Serge Bonnafoux,  
*"That the apologies be accepted"* – passed.

### 3. Notification of General Business

Paul Farrow – River rescue training.

Barry Cleghorn – Salmon entrapment at Amuri Irrigation intake.

### 4. Minutes

*Moved* Serge Bonnafoux, *Seconded* Peter Robinson that *"the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st December 2011, be confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting,"* – passed.

Discussion re No. 3, Brian Ross to prepare report for meeting, not required now, Trevor discussed that he had met with the head ranger for ECan regarding Coutts Island Reserve & Waimakariri Park access issues and is taking the issue further, also gravel extraction leading to discoloured water, Martin to invite ECan commissioner to Council meeting, BJR to prepare 1 page summary report.

Tony to send report on RMA issues to Council between meetings.

Steve Terry to send South Island Staff Forum minutes to Councillors.

Steve Terry to include salmon & trout mounting quotes in April Council meeting papers.

### 5. Matters Arising/Action Sheet

- 7) Big delays with ECan staff regarding emergency hotline response, Tony to talk to ECan Commissioner regarding this issue.
- 3) Hatchery Risks/Opportunities – Rod looking at this as a priority.
- 15) Implement Fraud Policy – Rod to Implement this.
- 16) Trevor Isitt update re Brian Ross letter highlighting the upcoming review of rangers.

## 6. Public Notification Session

- a) Keith Gibbs – Rakaia WCO – What deal was made?  
Martin replied with reasons for withdrawal.
- b) Ron Stuart – NZSAA WCO Submission coming up and NZSAA said they are in a difficult situation because of the Fish & Game withdrawal.
- c) Ron Stuart – What is update on Managers situation, Martin updated re Ross Millichamp reduced hours to 3 days per week and Rod Cullinane new Manager.
- d) Ron Stuart – Volunteer reward system possibly answer to lack of volunteers.
- e) Ron Stuart – cheque for \$2,100 presented by Todd Lynch to NZSAA around February 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding Salmon Fishery.
- f) Ron Stuart – What is Montrose update – New owners have met Fish and Game staff, privacy issues may restrict access, Fish and Game putting proposal to them re our plans.
- g) Ron Stuart noted that the Waimakariri competition is the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## 7. Reports

- a) Chairman's Report – Martin gave a verbal report highlighting meetings he has attended and issues he has dealt with since the December Council meeting.
- b) Staff Report  
(1115) Gamebird Monitoring, should read 17 – 18 January, not February. Discussion re botulism outbreak and gamebird mortalities.  
(1812) Steve Terry to organise a special OWP planning meeting before the April Council meeting.  
(1233) Lake Ellesmere water quality study - Steve Terry thanked for coordinating French intern students.  
(1221) Trevor Isitt – regarding Boggy Creek, where are we going with this? Staff to reinvestigate selling of Boggy Creek.  
(1311) Malcolm Gilbert – Asked that staff meet with landowner re access at The Lakes Station. Steve McNeill – irrigation access issue, has this been resolved, Tony replied not yet.
- c) Financial Report - Rod Cullinane – No update as yet. Councillors noted that the written variance report was a helpful format for reporting the finances.  
Steve McNeill – Council expenditure up – Rod Cullinane/Ross Millichamp change has been coded here.
- d) NZ Council - Main drive towards public awareness and alignment with like minded organisations, NZ Fish and Game thanked for effort in environmental issues.
- e) Salmon and Trout Sub Committee – No meeting.
- f) PR and Liaison – Paul Farrow regarding Press salmon article – lots of positive feedback. About to visit retail outlets. Trevor Isitt commented that mentioning possible salmon season limit not great, best to get buy in before commenting on a possible seasonal bag limit.
- g) Compliance – Brian Ross surveying Rangers re efforts.

- h) Young Hunters – No update.
- i) Gamebirds – Not much since geese removed, feedback re: Tom Lanauze GB club.
- j) Fish in Schools – No update.

## **8. Meeting Business**

- a) **Presentation from NZ Gamebird Hunters Association:**  
Tom Lanauze did not attend.
- b) **Hatchery expansion projections and five year plan:**  
Profit and Loss statement prepared. Rod is working on a full scale business plan. Many unknowns e.g. Montrose and Contact Energy order.  
Paul Farrow – TrustPower land, does the offer of land use at Coleridge tailrace still stand.  
Trevor Isitt – Discussion around future corporate sponsorship etc. Martin Clements – Bring all ideas together in a business management plan – great opportunity.  
Bruce Kelly asked whether the Montrose Salmon Farming Licence is owned by new owners, Dirk answered yes. Emily to look at other access & boundaries, Rod to meet with the owners at end of April.
- c) **Salmon Harvest Seasonal Limits:**  
SMP not operative yet so unsure of legal status regarding SMP rules.  
Martin Clements – Issue discussed with CSI re a co-ordinated approach and no change adopted. Debate regarding this.  
OWP appropriate place to raise research in future.
- d) **Fish in Schools:**  
Respond to John and thank him for his efforts, thank BNZ for John's time off.
- e) **Granville Holmes letter re trout stocking rivers:**  
Staff noted that 10,000 Brown Trout had been released into upper Selwyn in August 2011. Granville commented that the Ashley and Selwyn Rivers are suffering from low flows which may be affecting fish stocks.  
Steve Terry to prepare report to council regarding Didymo and electric fishing program on stock water raceways.

## **9. General Business**

Barry Cleghorn – Salmon entrapment at Amuri Irrigation intake, staff need to check – need to ask for access.  
Paul Farrow - River rescue training day – good course applicable to drift diving.  
Martin Clements – Send flowers to Emily.

## **10. For Councillors Information**

- a) Aim to have AGM/Spit roast format this year.
- b) Start Council Meetings at 6.30pm.
- c) People attending to indicate before staff order food.
- d) Council Meeting dates for 2012 accepted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS, THE MEETING FINISHED AT 9.50pm**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Next Council meeting 11 April 2012 dinner at 5.30pm, meeting starts at 6.30pm**