

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NCFG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **27 Nov 2024** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Thursday, 7 December 2023
Time:	6:34 pm to 7:37 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), CHRIS BRANKIN, DAVE BARRON, DAVE COLL, GRAEME NAHKIES, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TE HAU ANGLEM, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Guests/Notes:	A. Cooper, D Huddlestone, S Novell, L Burke, P Trollove, P Hodgson, D Kirkness, Z Gray, K Carter, M Hubbard, A Paterson, D Denton, F Van Slooten, T Hallams, H Garaham-Samson, R Cosgrove, N Anderson, M Garrick, E Craig

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cr Strong opened the meeting at 6.34 p.m. R Gabrielsson gave a health and safety brief.

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1.3 Confirm Minutes for the 17 November 2022 Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - North Canterbury Fish and Game Council 17 Nov 2022, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Minutes from AGM dated 17 November 2022.

That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting dated 17 November 2023 be confirmed.

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconded: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved

2. Meeting Business

2.1 2022 Statement of Service Performance

Cr Strong stated the 2023 Statement of Service Performance was approved by Council in its "draft" format.

Cr Strong summed up the 2022/23 year as follows;

1. Setting Council's Five Purpose and Priorities in February allowed Council and staff to set priorities within NCFG's means and staff capabilities which formed the basis of the Annual Operational Work Plan.
2. Council assisted with the reform of NZ Fish and Game to ensure the organisation's long-term survival and to remain relevant and purposeful.
3. Council and staff delivered on the Operational Work Plan with a small deficit of the approved budget.
4. Freshwater Improvement Project - The Project has entered its last year with work currently underway to re-naturalise the Glenariffe Stream. All consents have been submitted and ecological assessments are now complete. With no stock grazing for 24 months, the natural vegetation is beginning to re-establish itself.
5. Funding had been secured on a new project to protect a spawning area and wetland in the main stem of the Rakaia River.
6. The Rakaia Water Conservation Order had taken a large amount of staff time. Thanks to NZC staff for working with NCFG team to ensuring national water conservation orders are adhered to and provide the intended protections.
7. A lot of work by staff to develop the new system for our pressure-sensitive high-country rivers to ensure they are used sustainably by introducing a Designated Waters Licence. This licence is required by all anglers fishing named designated waters so the new rules could be policed adequately.
8. Another successful Trout Festival was held with over 200 participants. It was extremely successful and enjoyed by those who attended.
9. Overall a very busy but successful year. Cr Strong thanked staff for their work and dedication and to Council for all their efforts made this year.

2.2 Volunteer of the Year Award

R Cosgrove announced that T Hallams was the successful recipient. SEE RITCHIE

2.3 Staff / Guest Speaker Presentations

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1. D Denton - TAKF - expressed concern at the future of the TAKF event at the Groyne due to the NCFG policy on releasing hatchery-reared salmon into rivers and lakes. The way in which this was communicated had taken the Trust by surprise. He was concerned about moving the event to Lake Rotokahatu and the safety aspects surrounding this. D Denton stated in closing that he would work with Fish and Game and would continue to seek support for the event.
2. In reply to K Carr regarding the science behind stopping the TAKF event at the Groyne Lakes, R Gabriellson stated that the risk of failing fish screens / flooding in the Otokaikino and escapement of hatchery-reared salmon mixing with sea-run salmon posed a major problem.

3. In reply to D Huddleston, R Gabrielsson stated that the reason why salmon were released into the ski lake at Lake Rotokahatu was the Lake was seen as an urban stepping stone fishery and was the best site available.
4. P Trollove questioned why the sea-run salmon smelt had diminished over a 6-7 year period in the Rakaia River. R Gabrielsson stated that national funding had been secured to try and find a resolution to the problem and would meet with Mr Trollove to discuss.

3. Public Session

4. Close Meeting

4.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____