

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING



At the **North Canterbury Fish and Game Council** on **25 Sept 2024** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Wednesday, 24 July 2024
Time:	5:47 pm to 9:09 pm (NZST)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), DAVE BARRON, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Apologies:	DAVE COLL, CHRIS BRANKIN, TE HAU ANGLEM
Guests/Notes:	M Garrick (Staff), Z Grey, L Burke, D Matravers (Late arrival)

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

1.2 Karakia

In the absence of Te Hau Anglem, R Gabrielson gave the Karakia.

1.3 Apologies



Apologies

That the apologies be accepted.

Decision Date:	24 Jul 2024
Mover:	TREVOR ISITT
Seconder:	NIALL COSTER
Outcome:	Approved

1.4 Interests Register

No changes noted.

1.5 Council Discussion on Issues and Risks That May Require Council Attention

Cr Strong commented that when talking with councillors and staff, be mindful to be polite and respectful. Cr Strong also asked the CE to consider how NCF&G can become more efficient and effective in the future to enable more delivery and value to our license holders.

Lake Heron & Melish Stream Management

Achieving a sustainable management plan for migrating fish from Lake Heron and Melish Stream down the Rakaia River was discussed. A tactical plan for how this could be taken forward with Central South Island Fish and Game (CSI) ensued. Noted in the 24/25 Operational Work Plan, it was suggested a boundary change be made, however a governance-to-governance meeting was initially preferred as a way to collaborate with CSI regarding the common management of the fishery.

Lowland Waters

A tactical strategy managing lowland rivers, for example the Ashley River, alongside Iwi was discussed. Suggested a dialogue be made on a governance-to-governance level with Iwi.



Strategic Priorities

Cr Strong to circulate the revised Strategic Priorities paper to Councillors for comment.

Due Date: 16 Aug 2024
Owner: ALAN STRONG



Discussion with Central South Island Regarding Management of Lake Heron & Melish Stream

That Cr's Barron and Musson arrange discussions on a governance-to-governance level with Central South Island to further a management strategy for the upper Rakaia catchment.

Due Date: 21 Aug 2024
Owner: DAVE BARRON

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 2024/25 Operational Work Plan and Budget

Cr Strong stated that the OWP was operationalising the governance strategy and if any specific discussions were required they need to go through the Chair and not straight to the CEO.

R Gabrielsson stated the Operational Work Plan (OWP) delivers on and aligns with all staff projects for the 2024/25 financial year. That staff hours would be re-confirmed around February 2025.

Two formats of the document were required; an in-depth Plan for staff that include measurable goals and objectives and a summarised version for Council.

Noted that the High Country Water and Wildlife Project would be completed at the end of August 2024. A suggestion that Councillors visit the site once the water is flowing through the new diversion.

A wider document to go alongside the OWP focusing on what NCFG should be doing to engage with all stakeholders.



Operational Work Plan

That the format of the Operational Work Plan be reviewed with an in-depth version with measurable goals and objectives for staff and a summarised version for Council.

To review staff hours in the OWP to align with budgeted staff hours.

A wider document to go alongside the OWP focusing on the engagement of key stakeholders and what NCFG are doing for them.

To rewrite the wording regarding under Point 4 in the "near-term priority results regarding "a boundary adjustment to encompass Lake Heron"

Due Date: 18 Sept 2024
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON



The 2024/25 Operational Work Plan and Budget

That the 2024/25 Operational Work Plan and Budget be approved with amendments and suggestions being completed as noted.

Decision Date: 24 Jul 2024
Mover: DAVE BARRON
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.2 Habitat Restricted Reserve



Habitat Protection Reserve

That Council approve adding hunter and angler public access improvements to the criteria to the Habitat Protection Reserve spending.

Decision Date: 24 Jul 2024
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.3 Rakaia Reserve



Partial Restoration Top-Up of the Rakaia Reserve

That Council approves a partial restoration top-up of the Rakaia Reserve of up to \$40,000 using yet unallocated income from (1) interest income; (2) fish salvage contracts minus expenses and (3) game licence sales above yearly sales targets.

Cr's O'Keefe and Musson abstained.

Decision Date: 24 Jul 2024
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved



Rakaia Reserve

Provide to Council the financial summary for the Rakaia Reserve including any spending from the HCWWP project.

Due Date: 18 Sept 2024
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 General Business

1. After a comment that NCFG is not "singing the praises" regarding the good projects that are occurring around the region, R Gabrielsson advised that NCFG would be rolling out a lot more social media content to stakeholders going forward. That a summary of Council meetings and decisions made be put on social media to its stakeholders.
2. R Gabrielsson advised his report from the attendance at the World Fisheries Congress (where he had a speaking role) would be available by the end of August 2024 to Council.
3. Cr Isitt asked of the feasibility of the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust trademark "*Freshwaters*" be transferred Fish and Game?
4. Links to meeting papers on website be checked and updated.



Actions from General Business

1. R Gabrielsson to investigate if the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust trademark "*Freshwaters*" be transferred Fish and Game?
2. That the links to meeting papers on website be checked and updated.

Due Date: 18 Sept 2024

Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

3.2 Confirm Minutes Dated 22 May 2024

North Canterbury Fish & Game Council Meeting - Budget Setting Workshop 14 Mar 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

North Canterbury Fish & Game Council Meeting 22 Feb 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

NCFG Council Meeting 22 May 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Minutes - 22 May 2024

That the minutes of the 22 May 24 Council meeting be approved.

Decision Date: 24 Jul 2024

Mover: NIALL COSTER

Seconder: TREVOR ISITT

Outcome: Approved

4. PUBLIC SESSION

4.1 Public Session

1. **D Matravers** outlined his concerns for Mellish Stream and Lake Heron and asked if there was any chance for a boundary adjustment, so they come into the NCFG regulations. He was also concerned how the Winnemem Wintu project would impact on fish populations within these river/lake systems. Cr Strong stated the subject had been discussed earlier in the meeting and that NCFG would be initially trying a collaborative approach first in the hope of achieving a common goal have a viable salmon run. Three NCFG Councillors would be initiating a governance-to-governance meeting as soon as practicable.

2. **NZSAA** - tabled a request for financial support to publish a report on Angler Oral Histories for the Rakaia River. NCFG were currently focused on the Rakaia Water Conservation Order but agreed to organise a governor-to-governor meeting with the NZSAA.



Angler Oral Histories on the Rakaia River

That a letter be written explaining that NCFG could not financially support the pre-printing of the Angler Oral Histories on the Rakaia River as the current focus was on the Rakaia Water Conservation Order. That a governor-to-governor meeting be organised to reconnect with and discuss current issues involving both organisations.

Due Date: 18 Sept 2024
Owner: ALAN STRONG

5. STANDARD REPORTS

5.1 Standard Reports

All the Reports presented were taken as read.

1. Chairmans' Report
2. Operational Update
3. Finance Report
4. NZC Report
5. RMA Update
6. Compliance Report
7. Health and Safety Report

The meeting discussed the value of the High Country Water & Wetland Project has had on farmer relationships and the wider community which has been positive.



Rakaia Water Conservation Project

R Gabriellsson to update Council on the Rakaia Water Conservation Order.

Due Date: 16 Aug 2024
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

5.2 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner
22 May 2024	Councillor "Alone Time" Status: In Progress	ALAN STRONG
22 May 2024	Building Relationships with Ngai Tahu Status: In Progress	ALAN STRONG
30 Sept 2024	Fishing Competitions Status: In Progress	RASMUS GABRIELSSON

6. FOR INFORMATION STAFF REPORTS

6.1 For Information Papers

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council - 25 Sept 2024, 5:30 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner
1.5	Strategic Priorities Due Date: 16 Aug 2024	ALAN STRONG
1.5	Discussion with Central South Island Regarding Management of Lake Heron & Melish Stream Due Date: 21 Aug 2024	DAVE BARRON
2.1	Operational Work Plan Due Date: 18 Sept 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
2.3	Rakaia Reserve Due Date: 18 Sept 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
3.1	Actions from General Business Due Date: 18 Sept 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
4.1	Angler Oral Histories on the Rakaia River Due Date: 18 Sept 2024	ALAN STRONG
5.1	Rakaia Water Conservation Project Due Date: 16 Aug 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON

Signature: _____

Date: _____