

**NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT THE NORTHLAND FISH & GAME OFFICE
NELL PLACE, WHANGAREI
7.00 PM FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2015.**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Dave Nicholson

Councillors: Kris Batelaan, Noel Birchall, Maurice Blyde, Chris Lynch, Mike Newson, Cameron Shanks.

Conservation Board Member: Nil

Staff: Rudi Hoetjes (Manager),

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the table and called the meeting to order.

APOLOGIES: Wayne Pepper, Mark Williamson, Phil Durham and Fay Stodart (Office Administrator)

It was moved: *That those apologies are accepted.*

Mike Newson/ Cameron Shanks **CARRIED.**

Previous Minutes

No discussion occurred on the minutes of the last meeting.

It was resolved: *That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2015 are confirmed as true and correct.*

Chris Lynch/ Maurice Blyde **CARRIED.**

It was resolved: *That the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on the 14th July 2015 are confirmed as true and correct.*

Noel Birchall / Cameron Shanks **CARRIED.**

Manager's Activity Report

1116 Mallard Research

The Manager updated the Councillors on the current work that the Councils Field Officer Nathan Burkepile is undertaking in relation to his citizen science mallard project and the spin offs that this is having in the education field with schools understanding citizen science. Since a national distribution of emails to licenced game bird hunters has gone out, Nathan has increased the number of hunters involved in the national project from 18 up to currently 65.

1161 Fish Liberations

The Manager advised the Council that next week the remaining 1,700 rainbow trout fingerlings from Ngongotaha hatchery would be collected and liberated into the various rivers agreed by the Council and into Wilsons Dam.

1241 Purchasing Habitat Property

The Manager reported that he and Chris Jenkins had travelled to Hamilton earlier in the week and met with key DoC staff to start the process of drawing up the Sale and Purchase agreement for the Underwood property and to also ensure that the vesting of part of the property of interest to the Fish and Game Council would be undertaken to safeguard the Council's financial contributions.

1315 Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition

The Manager thanked all the Councillors who attended the competition for their assistance. The Manager told the Council that the fishing competition was extremely successful and the trout caught this year were some of the best ever recorded.

The Manager also advised the Councillors that since the competition was held in July, several more large fish had been caught. A Rainbow Trout was caught by Bruce Yorke, breaking the record with a weight of 9.5 lb or 4.3 Kg, this being the largest known trout to have come out of Lake Taharoa.

1316 Secondary School Clay Target Competition

The final round of the Secondary School Clay Target competition is at the Whangarei Combined Gun Club on the 5th September and the Manager invited all Councillors to attend the prize giving.

1841 National Liaison

The Manager attended the Regional Managers meeting, and covered a range of general business items rather than purely financial as is the case for the majority of the May meeting. However one of the topics discussed is the introduction of a common year-end financial report for all Fish and Game Councils that meets the external reporting board requirements in the 2014-2015 financial year.

All Councils have agreed to the new format and according to the annual expenditure will depend on whether they have to report to either tier 2 or tier 3 requirements. Northland will report to tier 3 and there shouldn't be much of a change to our reporting or audit requirements.

It was moved: *That the Manager's report is received.*

Mike Newson/Maurice Blyde

CARRIED.

NZFG Council Update

Councillor Chris Lynch attended a NZFGC meeting in Wellington on the 24th July 2015. All councillors had received a copy of the unconfirmed minutes and Councillor Lynch discussed the following points from the unconfirmed minutes:

- Meeting with the Lou Sanson Director General Department of Conservation. Councillor Lynch commented on this Council's appreciation of the help and assistance provided by Chris Jenkins in relation to the purchase of the Underwood property
- Discussions held with Walking Access New Zealand and some of the issues they face and how they deal with matters through negotiation.

There was some very general discussion on the NZFGC meeting with all of the Councillors having read the minutes and did not seek any further clarification.

Bi-Monthly Financial Report

It was moved: *That the financial report to the 30th June 2015 be accepted.*

Chris Lynch/Mike Newson *CARRIED.*

Executive Limitations Report

It was moved: *That the Executive Limitations Report be received.*

Cameron Shanks/Maurice Blyde *CARRIED.*

Adoption of 2015-2016 Operational Work Plan

The Manager highlighted the different areas in the operational plan where savings had been made in the past financial year and was redistributed to other areas of the work plan. The budget for the 2015-2016 financial year is \$401,485.00. The Council adopted the operational work plan for the Northland region.

It was moved: *That the 2015-2016 Operational Work Plan be adopted and approved.*

Noel Birchall/Chris Lynch *CARRIED.*

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.



Dave Nicholson
Chairman

