

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017 AT HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Bruce Erickson, Owen Smith, Dean Phibbs.

*In attendance:* Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker), Richard Cosgrove (South Island Communications Advisor for Fish and Game NZ)

**APOLOGIES:**

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Mark Smith and David Heine be accepted.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

**AGENDA**

Mr Roney asked for an agenda item for the West Coast Conservation Board be added.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Kelly asked for time to be allocated to Mr Cosgrove to speak during the NZ Council agenda item

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Mr Kelly informed the Council of a conflict of interest with the Resource Consent Application from Griffen Creek Hydro. There was no discussion on this topic at the meeting

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

No items were added or removed from the list

**MINUTES**

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the June 2017 meeting (with minor amendments to wording associated with the Roney email) be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

Discussion around anglers encountering 1080 near to waterways – as a safety issue around children and dogs.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion proposed: **That the inwards correspondence be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORTSFISHING**

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council seek clarification regarding the intent of bullet point 5 in Section 1 on Page 5.**

Proposer: J Derks      Seconder: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **The West Coast Fish and Game Council encourage the NZ Council to include the promotion of hooking and landing no more than 6 fish per day as resolved by the NZ council under point 4 of the memorandum - in the code of conduct.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Seconder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the Financial report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Seconder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

## **OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the Operational report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks Seconder: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Spawning Survey 2017 be received and the staff recommendations be adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks Seconder: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

Mr Kelly informed the Council of the positive result from the MNZ Audit of the boat and Health and Safety procedures.

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Seconder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

## **NZ COUNCIL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council report be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Seconder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

Richard Cosgrove from the NZ Council provided updates on;

- Elections overview. Councillor profile volunteers sought for website
- Salmon symposium in Ashburton – outcome to be achieved is salmon management plan. Plan to repeat on a five-yearly basis
- Snake Creek trial
- Walter Keenan licences

**BACK COUNTRY SURVEY REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

Mr Kelly sought feedback from the Council on the issues raised in the report. The intention of the feedback was to form a view from the council that could be expressed to the meeting of commercial fishing operators in Nelson in late August.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council receive the Backcountry Survey Report and the recommendation be adopted. That Lee and Kim are both thanked for an excellent report.**

Proposer: R Roney      Secunder: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

It was decided the proposed workshop on Risk Management would be best done via electronic responses to the draft Risk Register. Mr Kelly to post the document on the shared server and recirculate access information.

**CONSERVATION BOARD**

Mr Roney informed the Council of the Conservation boards review of the Westland National Park plan. There may be changes to powered motor craft on water bodies which could affect angling. A draft is expected to be circulated for feedback by Christmas.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Chair..... Date.....