

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT HOKITIKA AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Jan Derks, Mark Smith, Bruce Erickson, David Heine.

In attendance: Tim Shaw (DoC), Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Dean Phibbs and Owen Smith be accepted.**

Proposer: B Erickson Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

AGENDA

The Chair tabled some late correspondence from Jeff Niblett. It was agreed to treat the document as extraordinary business to be received. This correspondence was scheduled to be discussed at the April meeting

Motion proposed: **That the email from Jeff Niblett be received and referred to the next meeting.**

Proposer: B Erickson Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

No public present

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Derks registered a possible conflict of interest with Agenda Item 14 – Waitaha Hydro. Mr Derks has been involved with the development of the scheme. It was agreed to allow Mr Derks to be present during the discussion as no decisions or actions were being proposed.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

Mr Derks noted the item regarding elections needs be added to the list as per minutes of the last meeting. Mr Kelly committed to correcting the list.

MINUTES

Typographical corrections were required for “previous” history; “regarding” page 1 and NZC motion change to be “known to the minister”.

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the December 2017 meeting with the relevant typographical changes be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: M Smith Second: D Heine Outcome: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Proposer: B Erickson Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

8.1 Invite to Councillors to March Meeting – NZ Council

Mr Kelly invited Councillors to advise him if they had any issues that they wanted raised with NZC at the Greymouth meeting. Suggestions made included; consultation with the region(s) around media releases, efficiencies around purchases nationally.

8.2 Terms of Reference for Salmon committee – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **The West Coast Fish and Game Council supports and would seek the adoption of the Terms of reference for the Salmon Committees as it is set out.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Proposer: J Derks Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

Mr Kelly spoke to the pre-circulated Operational Report expanding on;

- Lake lanthe trout surveys conducted to ascertain the effects of Rudd.
- Trend Counts and drone purchase/trials due to Wilderness Wings not having a plane currently and increased costs.
- Gamebird control and helicopter mustering of Paradise Shelduck
- Junior Hunts and changes to format for 2018.
- Application and hearing for Inangahua Hydro.
- Backcountry licence and enforcement.

Motion proposed: **The West Coast Fish and Game Council accept the staff recommendations with a warning letter for the introductory period of 2 years. Where a warning letter is inappropriate, and reparation is used, a secondary fishing offence of \$150 is to be applied. Where an angler has received a warning letter or reparation previously and has been detected offending again then the offence would proceed to prosecution.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: M Smith Outcome: Carried

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

Proposer: B Erickson Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Mr Smith recommended CAA training & DoC Concessions for drone use. Mr Kelly informed the council that this was already in process and a topic at the upcoming Manager's meeting.

Mr Smith queried audit progress. Mr Kelly noted that this had languished and committed to providing an audit procedure for input form council at the April meeting. Mr Kelly also committed to using this draft for the operational audit in progress.

Motion proposed: **The Manager to provide an audit protocol for the next meeting and the outcome of the operational audit**

Proposer: M Smith Seconder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

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

Proposer: B Erickson Seconder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

The NZ Council appointee provide a verbal update of NZ Council issues.

WORKPLAN AND OPERATIONAL POLICIES

The 2017/18 workplan and operational polices were reviewed with feedback sought from councillors.

Mark Smith left the meeting at 21:18

WAITAHA HYDRO

Mr Kelly informed the Council that a 'watching brief' was being applied to the concession and subsequent consent application for a Hydro Electric Power Station on the Waitaha River.

Meeting closed at 21:23 pm.

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