MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE FISH AND GAME OFFICE, HOKITIKA ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2021.

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

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Jan Derks, Mark Smith, David Heine, Owen Smith, Rob Roney and Dean Phibbs.

In attendance: Dean Kelly (Manager), Glen Newton (Officer & Minute taker), William Wilson (Ngai Tahu appointee), Inger Perkins (Conservation Board & Walking Access Commission), Tim Shaw (DG of Conservation representative) Susan Harris (Freshwater Migratory Fish Ranger, DOC, part, left 7:10 pm)

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

AGENDA

The Chair asked for the addition of correspondence from the NZ Council standing finance committee regarding staff resourcing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Inger Perkins from the Conservation Board introduced herself and provided an overview of her role as both Chair of the Board and Walking Access Commission Field Officer.

Susan Harris from the Department of Conservation outlined her role as freshwater migratory fish ranger.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

Motion proposed: That the accumulative actions list is accepted.

Proposer:

A Harris

Seconder:

D Phibbs

Outcome: Carried

MINUTES

Motion proposed: That the Minutes of the December 2020 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposer:

J Derks

Seconder:

O Smith

Outcome:

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

NZ Council – Latent Gamebird Regulations

Motion proposed: That the Council sees no need to retain the latent provisions for the West Coast Region and that this be communicated to the NZ Council.

Proposer:

R Roney

Seconder:

D Heine

Outcome:

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Manager provided an update on licence sales and informed the Council that sales were in line with budget and tracking well despite the ban on Non-Residents.

Motion proposed: That the Financial Report be received.

Proposer:

D Phibbs

Seconder:

J Derks

Outcome:

Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

The Manger presented the bimonthly operational report.

Motion proposed: That the Operational Report be received.

Proposer:

R Roney

Seconder:

J Derks

Outcome:

Carried

Officer Newton presented the Lakes Paringa and Moeraki Trout Survey report.

Motion proposed: That the Lakes Paringa and Moeraki Trout Surveys Report be received and the recommendations it contains are adopted.

Proposer:

D Phibbs

Seconder:

D Heine

Outcome:

Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

A discussion regarding allergic reactions and field operations was held in response to a series of near misses with wasp nests.

Motion proposed: That the Health and Safety Report be received.

Proposer:

D Phibbs

Seconder:

D Heine

Outcome:

Carried

2021/22 WORKPLAN WORKSHOP

The Council reviewed the 2020/21 workplan and provided input into a revised 2021/22 workplan.