

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AT THE FISH & GAME OFFICE, HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris (Chair), Jan Derks, Owen Smith, Peter Bayliss, Ritchie White.  
Via Teleconferencing: Sam Speight, Dean Phibbs

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Administrator), Baylee Kersten (Field Officer).

**Grant of dispensation for meeting attendance via teleconference.**

The Chairperson grants dispensation to M Taylor, D Phibbs & S Speight to attend and participate in the meeting via teleconferencing as provided for by section 2.7.2 of the Council's Standing Orders, adopted 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**APOLOGIES:** Rob Roney, Dave Heine, William Wilson, Martin Taylor.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from R Roney, D Heine, W Wilson and M Taylor be accepted.**

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** P Bayliss    **Outcome:** Carried

**AGENDA**

The Council agreed on the agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public in attendance.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None to be declared.

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

Motion proposed: No items to be removed.

**Proposer:** P Bayliss    **Seconder:** J Derks    **Outcome:** Carried

**MINUTES**

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

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

**Proposer:** P Bayliss    **Seconder:** O Smith    **Outcome:** Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Council received and considered the correspondence from NZC regarding:

### **Remuneration Policy – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council supports the remuneration policy as circulated.**

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** R White    **Outcome:** Carried

### **Reserve's Policy – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council supports the draft Reserves Policy subject to: Adding a bullet point to the section "Reserves over 50%" that states: Where a regions' reserves exceed 50% of the maximum threshold, that region's annual budget will be reduced by 5% per annum until the level of reserves held meets the 50% or less criterion threshold.**

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** A Harris    **Outcome:** Carried

### **Residency Definition Consultation – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the Council supports amending the definitions as proposed in the consultation document provided by the NZ Fish and Game Council.**

**Proposer:** A Harris    **Seconder:** P Bayliss    **Outcome:** Carried

### **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report.

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

**Proposer:** D Phibbs    **Seconder:** J Derks    **Outcome:** Carried

### **OPERATIONAL REPORT**

The Council received and reviewed the Manager's operational report.

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

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** P Bayliss    **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Pukeko Survey Report be received, and recommendations are adopted.**

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** D Phibbs    **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Greylard Survey Report be received by Council and its recommendations be adopted.**

**Proposer:** J Derks    **Seconder:** P Bayliss    **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Drift Diving Report be received, and staff recommendations be approved.**

**Proposer:** A Harris **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

The Council received and reviewed the Health and Safety Report.

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

**Proposer:** J Derks **Seconder:** O Smith **Outcome:** Carried

#### **2023/24 FISHING SEASON REGULATIONS**

The council reviewed the Sportsfish regulations.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council recommends no change to the current sportsfish regulations other than the West Coast region request that the Minister notify the following Designated Waters: Waitahu River, Larry's Creek, Rough River – upstream of Mirfins Creek, Upper Grey – upstream of Clarke Stream, Mokihinui – upstream of Rough & Tumble Creek, Karamea – upstream of Kakapo Creek.**

**Proposer:** D Phibbs **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

#### **LICENCE FEE RECCOMENDATION**

The Council considered the 2023/24 Licence fee paper from the NZ Fish and Game Council.

Motion proposed: **The West Coast Fish and Game Council supports points 1a and 1b as stated in the consultation Licence Fee Recommendation 2023-24 paper received from NZ Council.**

**Proposer:** J Derks **Seconder:** A Harris **Outcome:** Carried

#### **NZ COUNCIL REPORT**

The NZ Fish and Game Council appointee presented and spoke to the CE's report.

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Fish and Game Council Report be received.**

**Proposer:** J Derks **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

#### **MEETING OF REGIONAL CHAIRS CORRESPONDENCE (Public excluded)**

**Time 8:55pm**

Motion proposed: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting and that the Manager remain present to provide operational information.**

**Proposer:** A Harris **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Consideration of Regional Chair’s Correspondence.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.	Section 48(1)(a)(ii).

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
1.	Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information— (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. And to protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(ba)(i) and 9(2)(a)	To ensure information about future employment and organisational structure is provided and to protect the privacy of those individuals’ employment details.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.

**Note**

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

**Time: 9:25 pm**

Motion proposed: That the open meeting of the West Coast Fish and Game Council resumes.

**Proposer:** A Harris      **Seconded:** D Phibbs      **Outcome:** Carried

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Chair.....*A. B. Harris*.....Date.....*7/8/23*.....

