

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2024 AT THE GREYMOUTH RSA AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Andy Harris, Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Dave Heine, Peter Bayliss, William Wilson.
Via Microsoft Teams: Dean Phibbs, Ritchie White.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Tim Shaw (DoC via Teams), Nigel Juby (A/W Chair).

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Sam Speight, Owen Smith and Martin Taylor be accepted.**

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

AGENDA

The Council agreed on the agenda. Jan Derks asked for an Agenda item on Council succession. It was agreed to add the item as Agenda Item 14.

Grant of dispensation for meeting attendance via teleconference.

The Chairperson grants dispensation for members to attend and participate in the meeting via teleconferencing as provided for by section 2.7.2 of the Council's Standing Orders, adopted 12th October 2021.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list. The Manager noted the approval of the SFGMP.

MINUTES

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council received and considered the following correspondence.

MoH&F – Response to Regulations

A discussion commenced regarding the response from the Minister focused on reviewing the designated waters policy.

Motion proposed: **That the Council receive the response from the Minister.**

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

MoH&F – Approval of SFGMP

Motion proposed: **That the Council receive the correspondence.**

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

NZC -Elections comm plan

Motion proposed: **The Council resolved to follow up enquiries received regarding standing for Council by providing enquirers with current councillor contact information from their sub-region.**

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report. The Manager responded to questions regarding licencing, insurance and compliance revenue.

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

Rob Roney initiated a discussion around a lack of ducks in Lake Brunner area.

Motion proposed: **That the Greylard Surveys 2024 be received, and the recommendations adopted.**

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Pukeko Trend Count report be received, and the recommendations adopted.**

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Sportsfish Spawning Survey Report be received, and the recommendations adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **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: D Heine **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

RISK REGISTER

The council reviewed the risk register noting heightened risk from changing political environment. Heightened risk from increased dry spells and low waterway flows was also raised and the Manager will revise the risk register and incorporate these changes.

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

No report received.

Motion proposed: **The West Coast Region Chair write to thank the NZ Council for previous summaries of meetings and request that they continue to provide a timely overview of all meetings to regions.**

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Auckland Waikato Chair Nigel Juby provided an overview of Auckland/Waikato sportsfish and game management.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSERVATION

Tim Shaw updated the Council regarding willow removal, staffing and pesticides.

COUNCILLOR SUCCESSION

Councillor Derks sought feedback on the likelihood of Councillors resigning at the end of this term.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Chair.....*A. B. Harris*..... Date.....*8/10/24*.....