

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT HOKITIKA.

Meeting commenced at 7:13 p.m. with a welcome and introduction of staff and members.

PRESENT: Jan Derks, Pete Bayliss (subsequently elected Chair), Rob Roney, Sam Speight (subsequently elected NZC Member), Dave Heine, Colin Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Manager), William Wilson (Ngai Tahu Appointee, subsequently co-opted as Member).

APOLOGIES:

No apologies received.

AGENDA

Cr Derks requested an item be added to the agenda - Manager's Performance Appraisal. It was agreed to add it as a publicly excluded workshop at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

No requests were made for opportunities to speak.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW FROM MANAGER

The Manager introduced the new Council and provided an overview of the West Coast Region operations, governance and legislative requirements. Councillors then introduced themselves and provided some background.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Manager called for nominations for Chair of the West Coast Fish and Game Council.

- Cr Derks nominated Cr Bayliss for Chair.
- The Manager called for any other nominations for Chair – there were no further nominations.
- The Manager called for a vote.
- Peter Bayliss was appointed unanimously as Chair of the West Coast Fish and Game Council.

From 7:45 p.m. Peter Bayliss assumed the Chair.

NZ COUNCIL APPOINTEE

The Chair called for nominations for the West Coast Fish and Game Council appointee to the NZ Fish and Game Council. Cr Roney nominated Cr Speight for NZC appointee.

The Chair called for any other nominations for NZ Council appointee. There were no further nominations.

The Chair called for in-person votes for as NZ Council appointee. Cr Speight was appointed unanimously as NZ Council Member by the West Coast Fish and Game Council.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

The Council discussed Council Member expertise and knowledge gaps in performing its functions.

Motion proposed: **That the Council co-opts the Ngai Tahu Appointee to the Council for their experience on local Runanga issues.**

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

Cr Speight informed the Council of Cameron Eddy's qualifications and experience with a view of Co-option as a Member. Council requested that Cr Speight invite Mr Eddy to the next meeting and ask him to present to Council regarding his background and the knowledge he can provide to aid the Council in performing its functions.

Motion proposed: **That Cr Speight contact Cameron Eddy and invite him to the next meeting to present to the Council.**

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

Cr Roney highlighted the lack of representation from the Buller sub-region and requested that Councillors and Staff alert the Council of any interest from suitably experienced individuals in the area.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Council discussed the appropriateness of committees with a limited number of Council members.

Motion proposed: **Due to the reduced Council size the Council saw no need for any subcommittees, and the functions of the previous Manager's Remuneration Committee will be performed by the full Council.**

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

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Council discussed a schedule of meeting dates for ordinary meeting of the Council.

Motion proposed: **That the Council adopts the following schedule of meetings: Meetings held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of each month apart from the AGM meeting held on the first Tuesday of December. The location to alternate between Hokitika and Greymouth for meetings, starting with the December meeting to be held in Greymouth.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

2024-25 MEETING & BUDGET SCHEDULE

The Council discussed the meeting and budget schedule correspondence from the NZ Council.

Motion proposed: **That the Council will confirm to the NZ Council that it (West Coast Council) accepts the Meeting and Budget schedule.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received correspondence from the Hunting and Fishing Minister. Council considered and discussed comments from Cr Roney and utilised these comments to create a draft response to be finalised at the next meeting and will take the opportunity to invite the Hunting and Fishing Minister to a meeting early next year.

8:55pm

Motion proposed: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting: Manager's Performance Appraisal.**

Proposer: S Speight **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 Manager's Performance.	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
18.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	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.”

9:03pm

Motion proposed: **That the November public meeting of the West Coast Fish and Game Council resume.**

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

The Council had a discussion around councillor communications received from the NZ Council.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Council advises via a letter from the Chair to the NZ Council Chair that it (the West Coast Council) requires all NZ Council communications intended to be Council to Council come only via the West Coast Council’s Chair and requests that the above requirement be communicated directly to the NZ Council Chair.**

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

Meeting closed at 9.21pm.


P Bayliss (Dec 4, 2024 16:50 GMT+13)

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