MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL (WCFGC) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026 AT WEST COAST FISH AND GAME OFFICE.

Meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m. with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Peter Bayliss (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Sam Speight.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Baylee Kersten (Senior Field Officer), Megan Tomlinson (Office Administrator), William Wilson (Ngai Tahu Representative and co-opted Council member)

APOLOGIES: The Chair called for any apologies for the meeting:

> **Motion proposed:** That the apologies from Dave Heine, Colin Smith and Tim Shaw be accepted.
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> **Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

AGENDA
The Council agreed to add a publicly excluded item to discuss staffing.

PUBLIC FORUM
None in attendance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
None to declare.

MINUTES
The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

> **Motion proposed:** That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
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> **Proposer:** J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

CHAIRS REPORT
The Chair gave a verbal report on recent meetings attended and informed the council of his activities on behalf of the WCFGC.

> **Motion proposed:** That the Chair's report be received.
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> **Proposer:** J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

LICENCE FEE AND BUDGET CONSULTATION
The Manager and Chair gave verbal updates on recent communications from New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZFGC) regarding budget processes and license increase discussions. Concerns about future asset replacement costs and depreciation were raised. The WCFGC subsequently reviewed the Licence Fee and Budget Consultation paper from the NZFGC and resolved:

Motion proposed: That the West Coast Fish and Game Council write to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZFGC) advising that:

1. The WCFGC does not support the recommended license fee increase as there are no benefits to the West Coast region or its license holders (or those of some other regions) from such an increase, discernible from the information provided by NZFGC.

2. The WCFGC considers that the budgeting process used by the NZFGC is confusing and imposes inequities on some regions that require further consideration and remedial action.

3. The WCFGC requests every council reverts back to last year's budget.

4. The WCFGC requests all budgeting is undertaken consistent with previously agreed/approved policy and agreed transparent processes.

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

DRAFT NATIONAL PRIVACY POLICY
The Council reviewed the draft National Privacy Policy and resolved;

Motion proposed: That the WCFGC supports the intention of the draft privacy policy, however, requests the draft privacy policy supplied by the NZFGC is referred back to the NZFGC for further development and corrections.

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

REVISED NATIONAL GAMEBIRD NIUSANCE POLICY
The Council discussed the revised National Gamebird Nuisance policy and resolved:

Motion proposed: The WCFGC supports the revised National Gamebird Nuisance Policy and commends the NZFGC on development of the policy and consultation process undertaken.

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT
The Council reviewed the Manager's operational report and discussed the proposed extension of the Fisheries Enhancement Project and discussed options for supporting local license holders through the gun license application and renewal process.

Motion proposed: That the Operational Report be received.

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

Motion proposed: That the WCFGC approves an addition the Sportsfisheries Enhancement Project budget of up to $5,000 external costs to incorporate a salmon release to enhance the Paringa and Mapourika salmon fisheries.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report with the Manager explaining the discrepancy in the NZFGC communication was regarding project expense coding variation between regions.

Motion proposed: That the Financial Report be received.

Proposer: W Wilson **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

RISK REGISTER REVIEW

The Council reviewed the Risk Register.

Motion proposed: That the risk register was reviewed by Council with some suggestion for extra risk identified and mechanisms to reduce exposure.

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

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

Motion proposed: That the Accumulative Actions list was reviewed by Council.

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

NGAI TAHU APPOINTEE AND CO-OPTED COUNCIL MEMBER

William Wilson informed the Council that he would be retiring as Ngai Tahu Appointee and Co-opted Council Member due to a move overseas for employment. William informed the Council of his enjoyable time and trust of the governance and staffing of the Council during his time.

Motion proposed: That the Council acknowledge the valued contribution from Wiiliam Wilson and wish him all the best for the future.

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

Time 9.20pm

WCFGC STAFFING ALLOCATIONS

Motion proposed: That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting: WCFGC staffing allocations.

Proposer: P Bayliss **Seconder:** S Speight **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 staffing allocations.	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."

Time 9:35pm

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

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** W Wilson **Outcome:** Carried

Meeting closed at 9:37pm.

Chair P Bayliss
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