MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL (WCFGC) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2026 AT GREYMOUTH RSA

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Megan Tomlinson (Office Administrator), Baylee Kersten (Senior Field Officer), Tim Shaw (DoC Representative).

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

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

AGENDA
The Council agreed on the agenda.

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 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 and informed the council of his activities on behalf of the West Coast Fish and Game Council (WCFGC).

The Council discussed membership. There was also discussion around offering governance training to increase participation. The Chair advised that he will be unable to attend the August New Zealand Fish and Game Council meeting and asked for a nominee for the position. The Chair informed the Council he would be out of the country from 7th September – 18th October and suggested a Deputy Chair be elected for the October meeting.

> **Motion proposed**: That the Chair's report be received.
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> **Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried
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> **Motion proposed**: The Chair will contact Councillor Heine and confirm either his continued Council membership or intention to resign.

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

Motion proposed: That Councillor Speight be appointed the New Zealand Council appointee for the purpose of meeting 184 in Wellington on the 28th August.

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

The Council conducted an election for the Council Deputy Chair position utilising election system A:

- The Chair called for nominations.
- Rob Roney nominated Jan Derks for the position.
- The Chair called for further nominations.
- No subsequent nominations were received.
- Jan Derks was appointed Deputy Chair unanimously.

2026/27 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN

The council reviewed the circulated Budget and Workplan. The Manager gave a brief overview to the council regarding minor changes to incorporate cost saving measures and rectify previous budgeting errors.

Motion proposed: That the 2026/27 Budget be adopted.

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

Motion proposed: That the 2026/27 Operational Workplan be adopted with some minor wording changes to the Health and Safety section.

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

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL (NZC) REPORT – MEETING 182

The Council takes the Report as read.

Motion proposed: That the Report be received.

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

NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL EMAIL RE: GREY TEAL

The Council considered the correspondence from the Nelson/Marlborough Council.

Motion proposed: That the correspondence be received, with the West Coast Fish and Game Council supportive of the proposal.

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

OPERATIONAL REPORT
The Council received and reviewed the Manager's Operational Report. The Manager advised the Council on recent communications around H5N1 bird flu and preparedness planning.

The Manager also gave a verbal update on Fast-track applications.

Motion proposed: That the Operational Report be received.

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

GREYLARD REPORT
The Council reviewed the Greylard Report.

Motion proposed: That the Greylard Report be received and the recommendations adopted.

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

SPORTSFISHERIES RESEARCH REPORT 2026
The Council reviewed the Sportsfisheries Research Report.

Motion proposed: That the Sportsfisheries Report be received and the recommendations adopted with Baylee Kersten thanked for the quality of the report.

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

SPORTSFISH SPAWNING SURVEYS REPORT 2026
The Council reviewed the Sportsfish Spawning Surveys Report.

Motion proposed: That the Sportsfish Spawning Surveys Report be received and recommendations adopted.

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

PUKEKO TREND COUNT REPORT 2026
The Council reviewed the Pukeko Trend Count Report.

Motion proposed: That the Pukeko Trent Count Report be received and recommendations adopted.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
The Council reviewed the Health and Safety Report.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council reviewed the Financial Report.

The Manager committed to organising a Council Agenda item to further define Reserves.

Motion proposed: That the Financial Report be received.

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

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

Motion proposed: That the Accumulative Actions list be updated.

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

Meeting closed at 8:48pm.

Chair..... Date.....