

**MINUTES OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE GAME FARM ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Bates (Chairman), Bowcock, Duley, Hern, Hickmott, Lumsden, Mackie, Mackay, Niblett, Nimon and Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Jesse Friedlander (HBF&G Manager), Christine Tuck (HBF&G), Peter Wilson (Wgtn F & G) Glenis Phillips (Minute Taker)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Fred Nichol, Murray Boaler, Red Hooper, Blair Slavin, Callum Slavin and Georgia May.

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed staff, councillors and member of the public.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman invited all councillors introduce themselves.

3.0 APOLOGIES:

Cr Elstone, Cr Pinker messaged indicating he maybe late.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (7 August 2018)

AGREED

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Niblett/Hern

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

Fred Nichol raised the question in relation to the 5 year Waterfowl Management Plan and enquired if a similar plan was in place for the regions fisheries.

Peter Wilson (Wellington Fish & Game Senior Environmental) explained that this was addressed in the Sports Fish & Game Management Plan and outlined in the structure of the plan, the SFGMP had been circulated to the organisations including the regions clubs and this would be discussed further in the management section of the meeting.

6.0 FAREWELL TO DEPARTING COUNCILLORS

The Chairman advised councillors James Mackie had opted not to re stand for council. He thanked James for his time & efforts on behalf of the council and look forward to working with him.

AGREED

6.1 That council acknowledged it's appreciation of the commitment Cr Mackie had made to Fish & Game and the Hawkes Bay Region.

Lumsden/Duley

7.0 CLOSURE OF FIRST PART OF PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected councillors and advised of council's statutory requirement to elect a NZ Council Appointee and Chairman.

Discussions centred on the timing of electing members to these roles when little was known about other councillors and what role these positions covered. The chairman explained the time commitment involved for the NZ Fish & Game Appointee stating there were many nights away from home. Whilst each region was autonomous and the appointee didn't represent the region, he had an obligation to make decisions at a National Level and the role of the NZ Fish & Game Council was to sit beside us.

8.0 ELECTION OF NZ F & G COUNCIL APPOINTEE & REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Jesse Friedlander assumed the chair and called for nominations for the Regional Chairman.

Cr Williams nominated Cr Bates. Council agreed unanimously. Cr Bruce Bates accepted the position with the proviso this position was reviewed again in 12 months' time.

Cr Bates was duly elected chairman

AGREED

8.1 That Council elects Cr Bruce Bates as the Regional Chairman. Duley/Williams

Jesse Friedlander called for nominations for the NZ Council appointee.

Two nominations were put forward - Cr Hickmott nominated Cr Kevin Williams and Cr Lumsden nominated Cr Niblett.

Each nominee was invited to give a quick over-view of why they would like to take up this position.

- Cr Williams (NZ Council Appointee for the past 3 years) expressed his desire to carry on in this position. He referred to the letter of recommendation sent to the councillors on 25 October 2018 by Lindsay Lyons (NZ Council chair) supporting him. Kevin explained that his last term was 3 years and advised Councillors that this is the longest time in the last 10 years that a Councillor had held this position within Hawke's Bay Fish & Game and he knew the process of how the New Zealand Council works.
- Cr Niblett advised Councillors that he would be happy to take the position, as he believed with his veterinary background and NZ Gamebird business operation he could offer expertise to NZ Council, he personally also would like to have more involvement at the governance level.

As the vote was split, the discussion centred on the timing of the next NZ Council meeting(s) and audit currently in progress. It was agreed Cr Williams be appointed interim NZ Council appointee until the audit was finalised.

AGREED

8.2 That Council agreed to Cr Williams continuing as NZ Council appointee until the current audit has been completed.

Hickmott/MacKay

Cr Bates re-assumed the chair.

9.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing tabled.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The "Conflict of Interest Register" was passed around for councillors to sign.

Cr Williams advised council, he had no idea where the Conflict of Interest Policy in the November agenda had come from, as it was not Hawkes Bay's policy. Staff apologized for the error.

No conflicts were registered for this meeting.

Cr Nimon sought clarification of registering a conflict of interest. A brief was given on the procedure of registering a conflict of interest against the actual agenda item or declaring a conflict if council discussions put any councillor into a conflict of interest position.

11.0 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND COUNCILLOR INDUCTION

The Chairman advised new councillors the Councillor Information folders were on the table for collection at the end of the meeting. He provided a brief overview of the folder contents and the tabulated categories including the Conservation Act and Wildlife Act and requested councillors take time to familiarise and read each section.

The Chairman informed councillors the importance of their role and responsibilities as governors. Councillors were advised that the Manager was available to discuss any induction matters or queries at any stage.

Jesse advised the council Robert Sowman NZ Fish & Game Policy and Planning Advisor will be attending the February 2019 meeting to give an induction and governance presentation. Council requested Cr Williams provide copies of NZ Council policies for council to read.

AGREED

11.1 That Council receives the induction material and the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council Governance Manual.

Hern/Hickmott

12.0 2019 GAME CONDITIONS

- Cr Elstone emailed staff informing noting the typo under mag extensions and requested this be corrected from “two” to “three”.
- Cr Niblett mentioned that when setting the 2019 Gamebird season length & bag limits, staff used the banding data results from the previous year ie. 2018 banding, he questioned the suitability of banding as a management tool.
- Council requested staff be informed of the summer waterfowl monitoring results if there was a sufficient change in the population prior to sending the regulations to the minister.
- Council discussed the season length & bag limits for the threshold criteria of paradise shelduck and believed it had been previously amended to restrictive 6- bird limit, intermediate 8 - bird limit and relaxed 10 - bird limit.
- Jesse informed council that duck banding would commence in the New Year.
- General discussion centred around optimising hunting opportunity for the licence holder by setting the season length and bag limits whilst considering the importance of sustaining the waterfowl population for the next season.
- The Chairman informed council the gamebird conditions are confirmed at the next council meeting to be held in December, if they required further information to contact the manager.

AGREED

12.1 That Council agrees with the attached Draft Notice subject to monitoring of paradise shelduck, and black swan Hern/Duley

13.0 DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2019

Cr Williams informed councillors that some of NZ Council dates may change.

AGREED

13.1 That Council approves the proposed meeting schedule and dates for the six regular meetings and one annual general meeting for 2019 but duly noted that there could be slight changes to the schedule. Williams/MacKay

14.0 LIASON REPORTS

14.1 East Cost/Hawke’s Bay Conservation Board

Nothing tabled.

14.2 Reports from Other Agencies

Nothing Tabled

14.3 Reports from New Zealand Council

- Cr Williams reported that several hours were spent in Public Excluded session discussing a number of topics including Hawkes Bay Fish and Game audit.
- Staff Remuneration Audit – an audit was carried out by independent consultants. The audit findings have now been released to the regions.
- Two year work plan to achieve national remuneration policy – much needed to co-ordinate national standardisation.
- Contestable Funding – a comprehensive report was received from the Wellington Chairman. This focused on the contestable fund bid process and it was agreed that New Zealand Council would review all regions funding, assets and reserves to enable a better process of allocation.
- Cawthron Institute Report Salmon & Trout Stocking Review. Basically this report says stocking rivers where spawning is available is a waste of money and is counterproductive.
 1. Reduce available resources for wild fish population
 2. Introduce domesticated fish genetics
 3. Retard process of local fish adaptation
 4. Increase predation pressure of native fish formations
 5. Regional Managers propose working party to provide Draft National Policy
 6. Peer review of report
- Update from Steve Doughty re the R3 – Recruit/Retain/Reactive. Reference Group has been formed and the goal is to enhance participation through customer satisfaction to achieve revenue objections.

15.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

15.1 Management Report

- Jesse informed the council Greenmeadows School had visited the Game Farm last Tuesday and Adam Jerram from the Hastings Anglers Club was running at Youth/Novice introduction to trout fishing course commencing at the Game Farm on 14th November, it was hoped this pilot programme would also be taken up by the other fishing clubs.
- Jesse advised he was meeting with lectures from EIT to investigate the options of developing a smartphone app compiling all regulations & access info into an easy to use format.
- Jesse informed the council staff had discussed the possibility of working with HBRC staff to monitor the waterfowl use of drains & ditches, staff were looking into using drones during this programme.
- Council requested the two-weekly bullet point update to councillors be continued.
- RMA Planning – Peter Wilson will be mentoring staff over the next year on the RMA processes.
- Peter Wilson, Senior Environmental Planner updated council on the stage of the Sports Fish & Game Management Plan stating it was waiting a full agreement between DoC and Fish & Game.

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Williams/Lumsden

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Niblett/Williams

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Williams/Duley

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Niblett/Lumsden

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Lumsden/MacKay

Cr Hickmott enquired about the monetary procedures of legal expenditure reimbursement from NZ Council and how this was reported in the performance report. Staff informed council National Fish & Game Legal Funding was reported in Note 1 of the notes to the financial statement.

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Williams/Duley

15.4 LICENCE SALES REPORT

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Williams/Duley

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing tabled.

17.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING

It was agreed that the public, newly elected councillors and Fish & Game staff be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely a discussion on staffing matters and the extra-ordinary minutes requiring to be ratified by councillors.

18.0 MEETING CLOSES

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN



DATE

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SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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