

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2023 AT, HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris, Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Owen Smith, Dave Heine, Sam Speight, Ritchie White, Dean Phibbs, William Wilson (from 7.05pm)
Via Microsoft Teams: Peter Bayliss.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Administrator), Baylee Kersten (Field Officer), Tim Shaw DoC representative.
Via Microsoft Teams: Mike Legge (Conservation Board), Kylie Robinson & Darryl Sycamore (Otututu Energy).

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Ben Hodgson, due to family commitments.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Ben Hodgson be received.**

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

AGENDA

The Council agreed on the agenda, with the modification to item 4 in lieu of the apology from Ben Hodgson. Council added presentation of CMS from Tim Shaw & Mike Legge (Department of Conservation & the Conservation Board.)

PUBLIC FORUM

Tim Shaw from the Department of Conservation & Mike Legge from the Conservation Board updated the Council on the CMS review plan being developed by DoC, potential timeframes and information gathering. Consultation is to start in April, to allow the first draft of the CMS to be built.

Mike Legge departed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Kylie & Darryl from Otututu Energy held a brief conversation with the Council regarding a proposal for a Hydro Electric Power Scheme on the Rough River.

Kylie & Darryl departed the meeting at 7.40pm.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

Motion proposed: **That the completed actions be removed from the list.**

Proposer: D Phibbs **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

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.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council received and considered the correspondence from NZC regarding continued exemption of .410 lead shot.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish & Game Council supports a 1-year phase out of lead shot in .410 shotguns for game bird hunting.**

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

Motion proposed: **West Coast Council inform the NZ Council that clearer, more timely communication on any issue on which consultation is sought is necessary to enable effective notification and decision making with the interests of Fish & Game and its licence holders.**

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report.

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

Motion proposed: **That the Gamebird regulation change to the standardisation of bag limits, and summer shooting hours amendment be approved.**

Proposer: D Phibbs **Seconder:** S Speight **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: A Harris **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

REGIONAL CHAIRS MEETING REPORT

The Chair provided a verbal update on the recently held Chair's meeting in Wellington.

After a discussion around Governance policy, it was decided that the Chair will write to Councillor Taylor regarding his availability and commitment to the Council given his absences and the failure to complete an Oath of Office and Declaration of interests as requested Council.

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Dean Phibbs as NZ Council appointee provided a verbal update on the NZ Council proceedings.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chair A. B. Harris Date 11/4/23