

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 189th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND
GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME NEW
ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 10th JUNE 2021 AT 12.00PM**

Present

Crs David Woolner, Murray Ferris, Barry Roderick, Laurance Tamati, Alan Baird, Debbie Oakley, Lindsay Lyons, Ken Coombes, and Ngahi Bidois.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Matthew McDougall, and Kate Thompson (Eastern Fish & Game).

1.0 WELCOME AND KARAKIA

1.1 Cr David Woolner (Chairman) opened the meeting at 12.00pm, welcomed all present, and invited Cr Ngahi Bidois to start the meeting with a karakia.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Crs Geoff Thomas and Adam Rayner.

2.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Laurance Tamati) that the apologies for the 189th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [21/06/2.2]*

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13TH APRIL 2021)

3.1 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Ngahi Bidois) that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [21/06/3.1]*

4.0 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY

4.1 No items were identified for inclusion in Council policy.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13 April 2021.

6.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 There were no items raised for general business discussion.

7.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

7.1 Councillors were asked to inform the chair of any conflicts of interest. Potential conflicts were raised by Crs Barry Roderick and Lindsay Lyons regarding discussions relating to the proposed amalgamations of Fish & Game regions in the Ministerial Review of Fish and Game, and in particular the Hawke's Bay and Eastern regions. Council discussed this briefly and decided there were no conflicts needing to be addressed as none of the recommendations made in the review were going to be voted on, and both Councillors were welcome to contribute to discussions.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2022 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

8.1 Cr David Woolner asked Council for feedback on the latest draft of the 2021-22 Operational Work Plan. As there were no issues raised or further amendments required Council approved the draft OWP for circulation to other parties.

8.2 *Agreed (Ken Coombes/Debbie Oakley) that Council approves the revised and latest draft of the 2020-21 Operational Work Plan for circulation to other parties for comment. [21/06/8.2]*

9.0 2021-2022 LICENCE FEES

- 9.1 Andy Garrick briefly summarised the proposed increases in the licence fees noting that the rationale behind the increases and the implications of these were well documented in the supporting information prepared by the New Zealand Council.
- 9.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons felt very strongly that the proposed increase would not be approved by the Minister of Conservation. He said that the proposed fee increases would not sit well given Fish & Game had in excess of \$40 million in assets and the review had shown the organisation to be dysfunctional. No way would we get this considering the reserves we have.
- 9.3 Cr Murray Ferris commented that he had received more comments this game bird season about the licence price continuing to go up in the face of duck numbers continuing to decline. There was a perception that hunters were not getting value for money. Some had also expressed their disappointment about not including Queens Birthday weekend in the season this year, as many used that weekend for a social get together. He said as a Council we needed to take the social aspect into consideration when setting regulations in future.
- 9.4 Cr Debbie Oakley advised that discussions had taken place with the Minister, and that Covid had changed the landscape, particularly with no non-resident revenue coming in. She pointed out that the increase on the fish licence was similar to the price of a cup of coffee and felt that the licence fee was good value when you compare it to other recreational pursuits. Debbie also pointed out that if there is no increase in the licence fee there would be a need to reduce expenditure and questioned what would be dropped if that was the case.
- 9.5 Andy Garrick agreed we would need to reconsider some of the services we provide both regionally and nationally and there would undoubtedly be additional cutbacks to the conservative Covid budget we're already operating under. He suggested that small annual or regular incremental increases are tolerated far more so than implementing periodic and more substantial increases made in an effort to catch up. He did not believe that selling of assets to provide for operating expenditure was a wise thing to do.
- 9.6 Cr Ngahi Bidois agreed that the timing was wrong, \$4 was a lot for some people.
- 9.7 Cr David Woolner pointed out that unfortunately prices of all sorts of things were increasing.
- 9.8 Cr Lindsay Lyons suggested that the sale of areas of prime land owned by some regions could put funds back into Fish & Game.
- 9.9 Cr Ken Coombes asked how the region's licence sales were going? Kate Thompson responded advising that while this region's licence sales were ahead of budget by about \$81,000, our budget was based on a projected loss to be drawn from reserves of \$113,000 for the region, so we were some way off at this stage from breaking even this season. Nationally a similar scenario applied and there was still a deficit to be made up of some \$200 - \$300k.
- 9.10 Cr Barry Roderick commented that Fish & Game's stakeholders are looking very closely at us with the restructure going on and see us as being in a mess, and while this is the case, we shouldn't be putting up licence fees. Cr David Woolner noted that the restructure might take some years to fully implement, and increases couldn't be put off until then. Cr Murray Ferris suggested that once the process was underway this would help with licence holders' perceptions.
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10.0 ANGLER NOTICE REVIEW

10.1 Andy Garrick outlined the process for the Anglers Notice review and requested Council's approval to forward its recommendations [20/06/8.15] and [21/02/10.2] which were agreed to at Council's meetings in June 2020 and February 2021 to the New Zealand Council. These recommendations relate to the opening of lakes Okataina, Rotoiti, and Tarawera on the first Saturday in October, and the open season for the winter shoreline areas on those lakes being year-round.

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11.0 NZC CHANGE FREEZE POLICY

11.1 Council reviewed the NZC's "Change Freeze" paper and Cr Lindsay Lyons commented that this was not enforceable. Instead, he suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding be executed by the regions as this would show they accepted the content of the proposed policy.

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12.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

12.1 Conservation Boards

Andy Garrick informed Council of Zane Jensen's recent retirement from Sports BOP and the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board to take up the role of Operations Manager, Rotorua for the Department of Conservation. Andy advised that Eastern staff were delighted to learn of his appointment and were looking forward to building on the existing relationship we had with Zane and DOC.

12.2 Department of Conservation

Not present, no report.

12.3 *Te Arawa Lakes Trust*

Andy Garrick noted the departure of Nicki Douglas from the Te Arawa Lakes Trust and asked Cr Laurance Tamati whether there was an intention to replace her as Environmental Manager. Laurance advised he understood Nicki was on a two year secondment and that her position would be covered in house during her absence.

Cr Ken Coombes queried how the permits for the taking of koura were going? Laurance advised that the process was going well and a few permits had been issued. He advised that MPI fisheries officers had been busy and there had been reports of poaching.

12.4 *The New Zealand Fish and Game Council*

Cr Debbie Oakley advised she had nothing new to report as all focus was currently on the Ministerial Review of Fish and Game.

13.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

13.1 Council discussed the increasing trend in government organisations and other agencies to review health and safety reports at the commencement of the meeting to accord these greater priority. Council supported putting all operational reports at the beginning of the agenda following Item 7 “Conflicts of Interest” for all meetings going forward.

13.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Ken Coombes) that Council receives the Management Report and Health and Safety reports. [21/06/13.2]*

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14.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Cr Murray Ferris asked that we ensure Queens Birthday weekend is captured in the Game Bird Season next year.

15.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

15.1 Council agreed that there was no reason to exclude the public from the Council discussion on the findings of the Ministerial Review as the document was a public document.

16.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF FISH & GAME

16.1 Council spent approximately two hours discussing the 36 recommendations arising out of the Ministerial Review and determining what it’s position was in relation to each of these. These will be forwarded to the Acting NZC CE in accordance with his invitation to collate the views of the 13 Fish & Game Councils into a single summary document for presentation to the Minister, DOC, and the Review Implementation Team in early July. Key points made, and Council’s position in relation to each of the recommendations are provided in the pages following.

16.2

Review Panel's Recommendation	Eastern Fish and Game Council Feedback	EFGC Conclusion and/or Suggested Alternative Options
(1) That the Minister has the power to require adherence to an approved management plan.	Ok with this but would expect the NZC to reprimand FGCs that depart from their SFGMPs in the first instance.	Neutral
(2) That the Minister's powers be expanded to include a mandatory power of direction for an addition or amendment to a draft management plan.	This provides the opportunity for political interference and outcomes that may not be in the interest of licence holders	Don't agree to a mandatory power of direction but an alternative would be for Minister to be able to require consideration be given to a specific addition or amendment.
(3) The Chair of the NZFGC be a Ministerial appointee. While the Chair could be drawn from the pool of FGC councillors, it would be preferable for the Chair to be completely independent of the organisation such as an independent or professional director, at least as an interim or transitional measure.	OK with a Chair completely independent of the organisation but this person should be elected by the NZFGC from a list of independent or professional directors not by the Minister. The Chair should be accountable to the Council, not the Minister to avoid the potential for political interference.	Don't agree the Chair be a Ministerial appointee, but do support the Chair being an independent and appropriately qualified governor elected by the NZFGC.
(4) The Chair of the NZFGC be a paid position.	The role and competencies required of the position go beyond what can reasonably be expected of a volunteer but it's recognised that professional fees for members of the Institute of Directors for example, can be substantial.	Agree Chair be a paid position but recommend consideration be given to capping remuneration at an appropriate (and affordable) level.

	<p>Payment would need to be funded by Fish and Game rather than Government.</p>	
<p>(5) Reduce the size of the NZFGC from 12 to 8.</p> <p>(6) The NZFGC to comprise 4 appointed and 4 elected members. This ensures a degree of professionalism around governance and decision-making whilst still retaining a fishing and hunting ethos. The Ministerial appointees could be appointed with consideration being given to candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas: te ao Māori, governance experience, RMA or legal experience</p>	<p>Council favours a greater number of NZFGC members being elected than appointed but there wasn't a consensus on what those numbers should be. It did agree it was extremely important to maintain a significant level of fish and game expertise/ understanding on the Council to maintain a connection with FGCs and what fishing and hunting was all about, and not disempower licence holders.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the Ministerial appointees could be appointed with consideration given to their expertise in certain specified areas of expertise rather than <u>needing</u> to be, and that some background or knowledge of sports fishing and game bird hunting should be included in the criteria for their selection (and it would be appropriate to apply the same to elected members). It was suggested that the NZFGC be charged with shortlisting and/or recommending appointee candidates for to the Minister.</p> <p>It was agreed that both the initial election and appointment processes needed to incorporate</p>	<p>Agree numbers should be reduced.</p> <p>Don't agree, Council strongly favours a greater number of members being elected than appointed, and <i>eligibility criteria need to be developed</i> for both appointed and elected members. <i>It is proposed</i> that candidates for the appointee positions be identified and recommended to the Minister by the NZFGC.</p>

	<p>rollover/varying term provisions to ensure continuity within the Council, i.e. to avoid situations where a majority of members left the Council at the same time.</p> <p>Support was expressed for setting the Council up along similar lines to that of the Game Animal Council.</p>	
<p>(7) Appointees to be paid. Elected members would continue to serve on a voluntary (unpaid) basis.</p>	<p>This is divisive and would generate unnecessary issues and perceptions. Either all members should be paid or not paid. Given what is expected of NZFGC (and FGC) Councillors there was support for <u>all</u> members to receive an honorarium or attendance fee.</p>	<p>Don't agree, either all or no members should be paid.</p> <p>Support registered for a 'modest' honorarium or attendance fee to be paid.</p>
<p>(8) Elected NZFGC councillors to be elected by Fish and Game licence holders (rather than appointed by FGCs as is currently the case).</p>		<p>Agree, subject to a regional ward system being adopted and a process that ensures not only geographic representation, but also a Council comprising members that collectively bring both sports fishing and game bird hunting experience/background to the table as opposed to only one or the other being represented.</p>

<p>(9) Retain the regional structure but reduce the number of regions (and thereby FGCs) to 6 by the following amalgamations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Southland and Ōtago ii Central South Island and North Canterbury iii West Coast and Nelson/Marlborough iv Wellington and Taranaki v Eastern and Hawke's Bay vi Auckland Waikato and Northland 	<p>Primary driver appears to be this is an effective way of reducing the number of governors by 50%, and may produce some economies and efficiencies by reducing the number of managers, and some administrators possibly, along with other input costs.</p> <p>In so doing resources may be able to be redirected elsewhere to the greater benefit of fish and game resources, and ultimately, licence holders.</p> <p>The mergers proposed are however somewhat arbitrary, and based for the most part it would seem on the principle of linking smaller regions with the larger region immediately adjoining it or where this doesn't apply, e.g. in Otago and Southland, simply because it makes geographic sense to do so. No analysis has been done on what the implications of the proposed mergers might be financially or operationally (or politically) for the new region created or for Fish & Game more generally, nor has consideration been given to what criteria should underlie a decision to amalgamate one region with another e.g. Hawke's Bay with Eastern versus another recently promoted option which is Hawke's Bay with Wellington and Taranaki. Thought needs to be given to what is going to confer the greatest benefits all round to Fish & Game and both present and future licence</p>	<p>Agree on reduction in number of regions, but review's recommended amalgamations, and any proposed alternatives, need to be evaluated against an objective and appropriate set of predetermined criteria.</p> <p>Without pre-empting this exercise, EFGC believes the proposed amalgamation of Eastern and Hawke's Bay is a good fit on a number of grounds including logistical and biogeographical considerations, characteristics of fish and game resources, licence holder activity, historical collaboration, associated institutional knowledge, and relationships with other agencies and organisations.</p>
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holders. The most sensible way to approach this it would seem, is to identify and prioritise the most important matters that should be taken into account in determining the best options.

Items that could be factored into evaluating potential options include:

- Size and operational logistics
- Quantity (and quality) of fish and game resources
- Licence holder activity levels (current and potential?)
- Licence revenue/financial viability (current and potential?)
- Habitat and resourcing needed to meet current and foreseeable statutory, management and licence holder servicing related activities
- Number of iwi entities within amalgamated region
- Number of local and regional authorities within amalgamated region

It's important to get the amalgamations right first time around and not do this in undue haste because its politically expedient to do so, or we're pressured into it.

A view was expressed that the Taupo Fishery should also be amalgamated with Eastern Region.

<p>(10) Each FGC should itself comprise 8 members, comprising: 4 members elected by licence holders, 3 members appointed by the Minister, 1 iwi nominee/appointee The Chair of the FGC to be elected by councillors.</p>	<p>Council supports a greater number of NZFGC members being elected than appointed to provide greater representativeness on behalf of licence holders.</p> <p>The iwi nominee/appointee should be someone with te ao Maori, not an iwi representative as those persons can be elected in their own right.</p>	<p><i>Don't agree</i>, Council again favours a greater number of members being elected than appointed, and <i>eligibility criteria again need to be developed</i> for both appointed and elected members. <i>It is proposed</i> that candidates for the appointee positions be identified and recommended to the Minister by the FGC concerned.</p>
<p>(11) Terms of office on the NZFGC or a FGC for both appointed and elected officeholders should be fixed for 3 years with a limit on serving no more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>Council felt that three consecutive terms was more appropriate.</p> <p>As discussed in Recommendation (6), appointment and election processes need also, to incorporate rollover/varying term provisions to ensure continuity within all Councils and prevent situations where a majority of members depart from a Council contemporaneously.</p>	<p><i>Don't agree</i>, two terms is insufficient for members to realise and deliver their full potential.</p>
<p>(12) The Minister to have powers of removal of any councillor, whether appointed or elected.</p>	<p>Clearly defined grounds for doing so need to be developed.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(13) Co-opted councillors can be invited and/or removed by the Chair of a Council be it the NZFGC or an FGC, following resolution of that Council. Co-opted councillors to have equal voting rights with other councillors. NB: this requires an amendment to section 26V(2) of the Act.</p>		<p>Agree</p>

<p>(14) A councillor could not be a member of both the NZFGC and an FGC at the same time. If elected to both, that person would have to choose one of them.</p>	<p>Reduces risk of parochialism on NZFGC.</p> <p>However, there is a need for some kind of mechanism to retain a degree of connectivity between members of the NZFGC and the FGCs.</p>	<p>Agree, however there may be merit in a member of the NZFGC being a co-opted member of a FGC but with no voting rights. Alternatively, a NZFGC member could be allocated a FGC to liaise with and an expectation that he/she would attend its meetings as an observer.</p> <p>Agree</p>
<p>(15) Members of both the NZFGC and a FGC to be elected by licence holders casting two votes: one for the NZFGC and one for the FGC</p>		<p>Agree, but costs of providing this professional development need to be considered and/or funded by central Government.</p> <p>Agree</p>
<p>(16) The NZFGC to establish a programme of professional development for its elected members, such as IoD or AICD accredited training.</p>	<p>Need to factor costs into choice of programme and/or have it funded by central Government.</p> <p>If and where needed, as some elected members may already have the skills required.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(17) The NZFGC to adopt a full suite of governance and corporate policies which are binding on itself and all FGCs.</p>		<p>Agree</p>
<p>(18) In particular the NZFGC should adopt and implement a robust Conflict of Interest policy which reflects good practice as set out in the Auditor General's 2020 Guidance.</p>	<p>Needs to be implementable.</p>	<p>Agree</p>

<p>(19) The Conflict of Interest policy should, in particular, provide for:</p> <p>(a) Conflicts of Interest being a standing item on the NZFGC and FGC agendas;</p> <p>(b) a programme of periodic audits of FGCs be conducted by the NZFGC; and</p> <p>(c) aspiring officeholders or applicants for senior staff positions be required to declare their interests prior to voting or appointment (in respect of officeholders these interests should be published as part of the information provided to electors).</p>	<p>Failure to declare interests prior to voting or appointment should constitute grounds for removal from office.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(20) The NZFGC to produce a consolidated annual report for the Minister covering its own and all FGC activities.</p>		<p>Agree</p>

<p>(21) Section 26C(1)(a) be amended by the insertion of a new clause to read: “The functions of the NZFGC shall be to develop, in consultation with Fish and Game Councils, and having regard to the interests of Māori as Treaty Partner, national policies for the carrying out of its functions for sports fish and game, and the effective implementation of relevant general policies established under the Wildlife Act 1953 and this Act” (words in bold added to existing provision).</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(22) Section 26Q(1) be amended by insertion of a new clause to read: “The functions of each Fish and Game Council, shall be to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters and, having regard to the interests of Māori as Treaty Partner, and in particular ...” (words in bold added to existing provision).</p>	<p>Agree</p>

<p>(23) The NZFGC establishes a standing advisory panel on Treaty issues and engagement with Māori.</p>	<p>Agreed an advisory only panel would be useful for when issues arise that Council needs some assistance with.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(24) The Minister in making appointments to councils to consider Māori representation – this recommendation is provided for previously (Recommendations 6 and 10 refer) but is repeated here for completeness for this topic. In making such appointments, the Minister could seek the views of DOC, TPK, Te Arawhiti and/or receive nominations directly from iwi.</p>	<p>Agree, but note that Recommendations (6) and (10) are concerned with appointing persons with a te ao Maori perspective, as opposed to representatives.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(25) Councillors holding office by nomination (e.g. as a result of Treaty settlement provisions) to have full voting and participation rights – the same as elected or appointed councillors.</p>		<p>Agree</p>
<p>(26) Fish and Game urgently initiate a dialogue with Māori with a view to developing a national policy governing a system of consultation with Māori to ensure all relevant Treaty concerns are addressed by Fish and Game in the conduct of its business. That policy should guide</p>		<p>Agree</p>

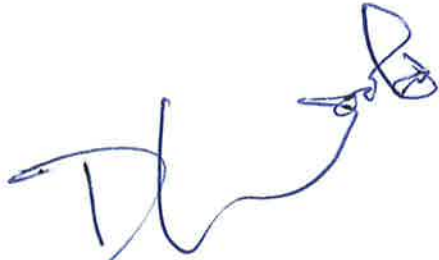
<p>protocols and procedures at a local level for day-to-day operations.</p>		
<p>(27) With respect to the above recommendation, as a first step in initiating this dialogue, a national hui should be held as soon as possible. The Hui Wananga should be facilitated by DOC (as the Department serving the Minister in the relevant portfolio) and chaired by a person with credibility and mana to both parties.</p>		<p>Agree, but should be funded by central Government.</p>
<p>(28) The electoral roll to automatically include any NZ resident licence-holders from the previous year (i.e. no opt-in requirement).</p>		<p>Agree, but only adult whole season licence holders.</p>
<p>(29) The NZFGC should review the eligibility requirements for voting in respect of type of licence held.</p>	<p>Agree, in consultation with FGCs. Only NZ resident adult whole season licence holders should be eligible, and individuals who have purchased both a sports fish and a game bird licence should have one vote only. If they purchased their fishing and game hunting licences</p>	<p>Agree</p>

	<p>in different regions they will need to choose which of those two regions they want to exercise their vote in.</p> <p>The query was raised but unresolved as to whether both adults on a family licence should be eligible to vote.</p> <p>As noted in Recommendation (12), clearly defined grounds for the removal of a Councillor need to be developed.</p>	
<p>(30) There be provision for the removal of councillors, including Chairs, both by the NZFGC and the Minister.</p>		<p>Don't agree, only the Minister should be able to remove a Councillor, and definitive grounds for doing so need to be developed.</p>
<p>(31) There be a requirement for candidates for election to meet a "fit and proper" test.</p>		<p>Agree, but "fit and proper" needs to be defined.</p>
<p>(32) A person cannot hold office as a councillor or Chair and simultaneously be employed as a staff member by an FGC. If an elected office holder takes up employment as a FGC employee, they should be required to step aside from their governance role.</p>		<p>Agree</p>
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<p>(35) A KPI for the CE should be to develop a community and stakeholder relationship strategy (e.g. with a 10-year horizon) that is independently evaluated and then reported on annually to the Board.</p>	<p>Presumably this recommendation is intended for the NZFGC only.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>(36) The NZFGC as part of its co-ordination role should assure itself that the duty set out in section 17M2(ii) which requires the FGC to 'give notice of the draft plan... so far as is practicable, to representatives of the appropriate iwi authorities and to the appropriate regional councils and territorial authorities' has been adequately discharged.</p>	<p>Already in practice.</p>	<p>Agree</p>

17.0 MEETING CLOSED

17.1 The meeting closed at 2.58pm with a karakia from Cr Ngahi Bidois.



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SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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