

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY AT HOKITIKA AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Mark Smith, Dean Phibbs, Jan Derks.

In attendance: Tim Shaw (DoC), William Wilson (Ngai Tahu), Dean Kelly (Manager), Glen Newton (Officer),

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Owen Smith and Dave Heine be accepted.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

AGENDA

The council agreed on the pre-circulated agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Rob Roney declared a conflict of interest with discussions on whitebait regulations as he is the deputy president of the Whitebait Association. The Council agreed that he could remain present during discussions on the issue.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

Motion proposed: **That the accumulative actions list be updated and completed items 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14 be removed.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

MINUTES

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the West Coast Fish And Game Council ordinary meeting, and the Minutes of the West Coast Fish And Game Council Annual General Meeting, both held on 10 December 2019 at Greymouth, be approved as a true and accurate record of those meetings.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion proposed: **That the correspondence from the National Sea-run Salmon Committee regarding releases of surplus salmon from hatcheries be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Manager presented the financial report and

Motion proposed: **That the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Manager presented the operational report and

Motion proposed: **That the Lakes Brunner and Poerua Survey Report be received, and the recommendations adopted.**

Proposer: R Roney Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the summer hunting season be opened to all hunters, the season duration be 6th to 14th March 2021 with a daily limit of 10 paradise shelduck, 5 pukeko and 2 black swan.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council (via the Chair/NZ Council Appointee) write to the NZ Council requesting the NZ Council state it's position on the Whitebait Regulations currently under consideration by government, and whether the NZ Council intend submitting on the regulations and also if there will be an opportunity for regional input to any such submission.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: D Phibbs Abstained: Rob Roney

Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Manager presented the Health and Safety report and

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

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: A Harris Outcome: Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Andy Harris the NZ Council appointee provided a verbal update on some current NZ Council issues.

FISH AND GAME NZ COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Manager provided an overview and staff recommendations regarding the proposed NZ Council plan.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game council requests the Manager present the Council with a revised summary of the staff discussion points presented at the meeting. Once agreed via email, to then forward the West Coast Fish and Game Council's comments to the NZ Council.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: M Smith Outcome: Carried

MINISTER OF CONSERVATION REPRESENTATIVE

Tim Shaw provided an update on Fish and Game drone use on public conservation land. Mr Shaw also advised the council about the opening of the Community Conservation Fund for funding applications.

2021 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

The Council continued the stepwise review of the existing plan.

Meeting closed at 10:00pm.

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