

One hundred and thirty-sixth meeting of the
New Zealand Fish and Game Council
Wellington

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April 2019

Commencing 9.04 am

PRESENT

NZ Councillors

Noel Birchall, Nigel Juby, Lindsay Lyons (Chair), Kevin Williams, Alan Flynn, Paul Shortis (Delayed due to earlier appointment), Bill O’Leary (arrival delayed due to flight disruption), Andy Harris, Roy Knight, Dan Isbister, Colin Weatherall, and Chris Owen.

Paul Shortis arrived 9.45 am Friday.

Bill O’Leary arrived 10.50 am Friday.

Colin Weatherall left the meeting at 1.15 pm Saturday

In Attendance

Martin Taylor Chief Executive, Carmel Veitch Finance, Jack Kos Policy Advisor and Robert Sowman Policy & Planning Manager.

Present:

Friday 5th April Joint meeting with Regional Managers:

Rudi Hoetjes, Ben Wilson, Andy Garrick, Jesse Friedlander, Glenn Maclean, Phil Teal, Rhys Barrier, Dean Kelly, Richie Cosgrove, Jay Graybill, Ian Hadland, Zane Moss.

Steve Doughty for the presentation on licence category & customer values on Friday.

INTRODUCTION

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed Jack Kos as the new Policy Advisor with NZ Council and Jesse Friedlander as the recently appointed manager for Hawke’s Bay. He then welcomed regional managers and the opportunity to work with them to discuss 2019/20 budgets and work programmes. This joint meeting was a formal NZ Council meeting with managers co-opted to the meeting.

The Chairperson asked for an acknowledgement to be recorded of the Christchurch mosque shootings with the death of 50 people. He sent his condolences to families and friends impacted by this unfortunate incident. Also, to those who remain in hospital who carry emotional and physical scars of this event.

The Chairperson went on to outline the agenda programme over the two days.

2. Apologies

Bill O’Leary and Paul Shortis are running late for the start of the meeting on Friday.

Resolved (Colin Weatherall/Noel Birchall)

That the apologies for lateness from Bill O’Leary and Paul Shortis for the April 2019 New Zealand Fish and Game Council meeting be accepted.

3. Conflicts of Interest Register

Councillors now sign the register and identify whether there were any topics to be discussed at this meeting they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest (COI). A COI sheet was passed around at the meeting for people to note any conflicts with the listed April agenda items. This sheet was to cover both days.

4. Licence category & customer value perceptions

This presentation from consultant Steve Doughty outlined a survey of fishing licence holders undertaken in March 2019. It followed a NZ Council discussion at its November 2018 meeting promoting the view that there are too many categories, all offering discounts. The original proposal to review the success or otherwise of the changes was to be in three years, hence support for a review. The question raised in November was: "Would licence holders accept returning to a simpler selection?"

Steve Doughty outlined the survey results including the general acceptance of the range and number of categories and discussion followed. Discussion included the need to add value to licenses. It was accepted how to provide value required further discussion (a think tank was mentioned) and surveying to get this right.

A question was asked as to what recommendation Managers arrived at? The answer was they generally agreed to retain the status quo continuing until more information on adding value, etc. is available.

5. CEO NZ Council overview

An outline was provided of what needs to be covered and why to reach the point of discussing total increase in budgets and licence fee options.

The criteria used by managers was a ranking of 4 (high priority) to 1 (low priority) as follows:

4	=	Essential for whole organisation or one-off from reserves
3	=	Essential for council(s)
2	=	Recommended
1	=	Good to do

A guide on the range of price changes was considered by managers in an attempt to gauge a level of acceptance of an increase with the Minister and licence holders. This resulted in accepting CPI (1.9%) and an anticipated upper limit of 3% for fish Adult Whole Season licences:

1.9%	3%
\$2.5	\$4.80

6. Contestable funding bids

An outline was provided on how this process was conducted by Managers at their earlier meeting. These respective bids were then presented and described by each Manager/Chief Executive.

A discussion focused on use of Fish and Game vehicles with a suggestion of a survey of all councils that could identify the range of conditions set for staff in the use of Fish & Game vehicles.

It was explained to NZ Council that the result of this exercise would allow for all ranked 4 & 3 bids to be accepted and met by a \$3 increase in fish adult whole season licenses and a \$1 game adult whole season licence providing a -18,222 overrun for the combined 13 Council budgets.

Managers acknowledged the work Carmel has done to make this an easy to follow and readily understood exercise.

7. Reserves update

National budget reserve levels as at 2017/18 were considered. This highlights the 50% general reserve level and 30% general reserve level requirements for each council. Top-ups for a 30% reserve level are shown to be required for Taranaki, North Canterbury and NZ Council.

8. Staff Development Grant

A staff development grant of \$10,000 is available annually for Fish and Game staff to apply for support from the organisation for national and international study, work experience or participation in events or conferences. Applications have been received from four staff. One application seeks funding prior to the start of the 2019/20 Financial year.

Consideration was given to Adam Daniels application to utilise unspent staff development grant for 2018/19 (underspent due to one successful grant being of lesser amount than the \$10,000 budgeted.)

Resolved: (Dan Isbister/Nigel Juby)

That Adam Daniels be funded \$3,200 from the 2018/19 Staff Development Grant to attend the 6th East Coast Trout Management and Culture Workshop.

For the 2019/20 financial year, three applications were considered:

1. Erin Garrick applied for \$5,000 to attend the North America Duck Symposium in Canada.
2. Helen Trotter applied for \$4,870 to attend the 9th World Recreational Fishing Conference in the Netherlands.
3. Carmel Veitch applied for \$6,200 for an administration workshop

The suggestion was made that Carmel's bid is better dealt with under contestable funding bids and that this should be rated as a 4.

It was agreed to fund both Erin and Helen's applications from the 2019/20 staff development grant.

Resolved: (Chris Owen/Colin Weatherall)

That the \$10,000 for staff development grants in 2019/20 be shared between two applicants:

1. **Erin Garrick for \$5,000 to attend the North America Duck Symposium in Canada and**
2. **Helen Trotter for \$4,870 to attend the 9th World Recreational Fishing Conference in the Netherlands.**

9. Proposed research funding

Fish and Game research has traditionally been funded within an annual allocation of \$100,000. Separate to this has been an approved \$34,000 tagged for mallard research (\$1 per game licence). Phil Teal, Manager Wellington Fish and Game Council spoke to this item outlining how managers have commenced building up a priority order for research across several areas including fish, game, RMA, etc.

It was agreed the overall budget of \$134,000 should be recognised and to not confirm specific projects until further work is done and full proposals can be provided for the November meeting.

Resolved (Chris Owen/Andy Harris)

1. **Note the amount of \$134,000 is allocated for research in the 2019/20 financial year.**
2. **Agree that final proposals and costing will be provided and agreed on at the November 2019 meeting.**

10. 2020 Habitat Stamp hunter contribution

The NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust Board is charged under 44D(k) of the Wildlife Act 1953 to recommend to the NZ Council the fees for the following year's game bird habitat stamp. At its August 2018 meeting the Trust Board recommended to the NZ Council that the 2020 habitat stamp hunter contribution be increased by \$1.00.

Resolved: (Kevin Williams/Colin Weatherall)

Agree to the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust Board recommendation that the 2020 habitat stamp hunter contribution of \$3.00 per licence be increased by \$1.00 to \$4.00.

With the joint NZ Council/Managers agenda items completed there was an opportunity for a general discussion on a topic before stopping for lunch. Discussion focused on ARF.

11. Asset Replacement Fund

Vehicle replacement is commonly three years but some councils do so every four years. Figures held in ARF budgets do vary with some significantly higher than others.

The purpose is to have enough funds to replace an asset. There should be support for a consistent system. There can be considerable variation on a line item in the budget from one year to the next. The present system is complex to use. The suggestion is to use an average figure to be put aside each year.

It was agreed to put a policy paper together along these lines and to put it out for consultation with Fish and Game Councils and allow the NZ Council to reconsider it at a later date.

The Chairperson thanked managers for participating in this joint session. He appreciates the passion shown and would like to see this cooperation continue.

The meeting paused at 12.45 am for lunch and departure from the meeting by managers.

NZ Council recommenced its meeting and further agenda items at 1.35 pm

12. Confirmation of Minutes from 15 & 16 February 2019 Meeting

No discussion

Resolved: (Bill O'Leary/Paul Shortis)

That the minutes of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council meeting of 15 & 16 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

13. Review of Accumulative Action List from Previous Meetings

Discussion followed listed topics.

A request was made for a copy of the RM/Legal application form, with amendments, be sent out to NZ Councillors.

On the item about in-house legal, a question was raised about specialist skills and their distribution throughout Fish & Game and whether these can be utilised. However, it was explained by the CEO that the legal adviser role as shown in the action list relates to a consultant type skill set. Options are to be explored and there would include a retainer concept, but the knowledge and experience gained with this option would mean that knowledge and experience remains outside of the organisation. It was noted the CEO would prepare a paper outlining cost/benefit of moving some or all of the legal function inhouse.

14. Complete 2019/20 Budget Round Decisions

NZ Council revisited the contestable funding bids to see if they found the rankings appropriate. CPI was questioned as to whether this should be given as of right. It was accepted that until remuneration policy is completed the status quo needs to stand.

Resolved (Nigel Juby/Roy Knight)

That all CPI bids as ranked were accepted excepted for Northland where this was re-ranked to 4 (and for it to be taken from its reserve) be accepted.

Other issues discussed in consideration of Contestable Fund bids included:

- Vehicle maintenance was discussed in the context of private use of vehicles. It was noted this had also been discussed by managers. GPS tracking could be an option. Again, this was noted in a report on the North Canterbury Audit item below.
- Interest replacement is an issue where a loss of interest earned means that difference cannot be found within a budget. It was agreed going forward, the treatment of interest on baseline funding needs to be reviewed. A uniform policy is needed on interest income.
- More information on Contestable Fund bids need to be provided in the form used. This would be helped by selected questions being introduced in the form to prompt this information. Agreed a new form needs to be developed.
- NZ Council agree there is an opportunity for the Council to revisit its own bids later in the year once details are available if this proves to be an issue.
- It was accepted there is a need to have a discussion on a reserve policy.
- The Salmon Committee bid accepted by managers was agreed by NZ Council to be adjusted and become \$10,000 + \$10,000.

Following this discussion, the contestable funding bids, as set out below in Carmel's spreadsheet were supported and approved by NZ Council.

NZC Approved						
App	Region	Description	Original CF Bid	Revised Bid	Rating	Notes on Decision
1	Nth Land	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	6,065	6,065	4	One off from reserves as not spent last yr
2	Ak/Waik	Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	7,000	3	
3	Ak/Waik	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	10,680	10,680	3	
4	Ak/Waik	Salaries - Adj RMA	5,000	5,000	3	
5	Ak/Waik	Loss of Interest	9,000	9,000	3	
6	Ak/Waik	Office Maintenance - ongoing	2,000	2,000	2	
7	Ak/Waik	Office Maintenance - One off	10,000	10,000	3	One off from reserves
8	Eastern	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	17,046	17,046	3	
9	H Bay	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	4,094	4,094	4	One off from reserves
10	Tara	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	2,727	2,727	3	
11	Tara	Asset Replacement Fund	5,000	5,000	3	
12	Tara	Top of Reserves	31,338	31,338	3	One off
13	Well	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	10,518	10,518	3	

14	Well	Vehicles	3,000	3,000	3		
15	Well	Public Liability Insurance	2,000	2,000	4	One off from NR reserves	
16	Well	Salaries -approved reserves 18/19	43,468	43,468	4		
44	Well	Junior Angler Programme	13,750	13,750	2		
45	Well	Salary Market Adjustment	20,000	20,000	3		
46	Well	Salary Merit Adjustment	20,000	20,000	2		
17	Nel/Marl	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	6,362	6,362	3		
18	Nel/Marl	R3 Strategy	5,000	5,000	3	One off	
19	Nel/Marl	Salaries	10,000	10,000	3		
20	Nel/Marl	R & M Replace Roof for office	15,000	15,000	2		
20A	Nel/Marl	Implement Para Wet land	5,000	5,000	3	One off	
21	North Cant		CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	10,440	0	5	Withdrawn by region
22	West C	Office repaint	8,000	8,000	3	One off from reserves	
	West C	Budget 19/20 from reserves – Non-Resident licence Reserve	7,000	7,000	4	Notification	
23	CSI	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	10,800	10,800	3		
24	CSI	Canal Fishery	25,000	25,000	4	One off from NR reserves	
25	CSI	Balamacaan Stream Project 19/20	5,600	5,600	4	One off from NR reserves	
26	CSI	CSI have \$20950 in Budget 19/20 from reserves - Non Resident licence Reserve	20,950	20,950	4	Notification	
27	CSI	Wainono Hides	4,000	4,000	4	One off from reserves	
28	CSI	Ranger Jackets and Hats	2,400	2,400	4	One off from reserves	
29	CSI	Lake Heron Salmon	18,000	18,000	4	One off from NR reserves	
	CSI	\$65k from Reserves for Salaries as approved 17/18,18/19 ongoing	65,000	65,000	4	Ongoing from Reserves	
30	Otago	Wetland Works and Mngt	4,500	4,500	3		
31	Otago	Loss of Interest Income	15,754	15,754	3		
	Otago	\$9565 from Reserves for Salaries as approved 17/18,18/19 ongoing	9,565	0	5	Withdrawn by region	
32	Sth Land	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	9,447	9,447	3		
33	Sth Land	Cap Ex From Dedicated reserves	82,000	82,000	4	One off from reserves	

34	NZC	CPI Adjustment on sal- 1.9%	13,489	0	5	Withdrawn by region
35	NZC	Salaries - Regional Support	10,400	10,400	2	Essential but from existing budget
36	NZC	Salaries - Baseline Review Project	15,600	15,600	2	Essential but from existing budget
37	Nat	Top up Reserves	188,926	188,926	1	Should be able to sustain from RMA Savings this yr
38	Nat	R3 -	86,000	86,000	4	One off
39	Nat	Regional RMA/Legal	430,000	340,000	4	Based on Managers forecast
40	Nat	Election Costs	15,000	15,000	4	
41	Nat	Sea Run Salmon Committee	30,000	10,000	4	One off
42	Nat	Sea Run Salmon Committee	10,000	10,000	2	For external assistance
43	Nat	Staff Conference	69,486	69,486	2	Would love to have but not in this year
43	Nat	Admin training day	0	6,200	2	Essential but from existing budget
	TOTAL CF Bids			1,434,406	1,294,112	

This resulted in the following resolution:

Resolved: (Colin Weatherall/Roy Knight)

That following consultation with regional Fish & Game Councils, and support for the proposal, the New Zealand Council seeks approval from the Minister of Conservation for the 2019/20 sports fish licence fee to be based on an adult whole season licence fee of \$133 and the game licence fee to be based on an adult whole season licence of \$94 plus \$4 for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp (GST inclusive).

15. NZ Council 2018/19 Bi-Monthly Financial Report No. 3

The purpose of this paper is to update the NZ Council financial position to the month ended 28 February 2019. To date the Net deficit of \$11,205 – against a budget deficit YTD of \$148,898. The main variance areas are the Election overspend and Regional Audit costs not budgeted.

Resolved: (Noel Birchall/Kevin Williams)

That the NZ Council Financial Report as at 28 February 2019 be accepted.

16. National Financial Report to 28 February 2019

This provides an update on the YTD expenditure by Council against the 13 budgets 50% through the financial year. Overall, the combined 13 councils are sitting close to 50% of total budget spent.

Resolved: (Dan Isbister/Andy Harris)

That the National Financial Report as at 28 February 2019 be accepted.

17. Storage of Habitat Stamp Art Collection

The purpose of this item is to find the most cost-effective way of looking after the Game Bird Habitat Stamp picture collection. For each year there is the original art work plus a print with two stamps. Selling or auction, offering to Hocken Library, Te Papa, or Archives NZ.

A show of hands indicate that the original art works should be kept together. These should be offered to a national agency such as Te Papa.

The prints are of less significance, although each is 001 of 500 prints.

Resolved: (Nigel Juby/Kevin Williams)

That NZ Council offer the collection (Original + prints) up to Te Papa or Hocken Library and bring feedback to the June meeting.

18. Conservation Infringement System Policy

The Conservation Infringement Systems Bill was passed into law and the Conservation Act amended. This included a provision for NZ Fish and Game Council to develop a national policy. Until that policy is approved by the Minister of Conservation Fish and Game is not authorized to issue infringement notices.

Resolved: (Colin Weatherall/Nigel Juby)

- 1. Receive the draft national policy developed under 26HA(1) of the Conservation Act and seek:
 - a. Fish and Game Council feedback, and**
 - b. A peer review by an agency already issuing infringement fines,****
- 2. Before finalising and approving it as national policy and submitting to the Minister of Conservation for approval and gazettal.**

19. National Policy on Prosecutions

National policy on Prosecutions was approved in July 2014. However, with the introduction of legislation in Infringement Notices and Fish and Game no longer operating reparation, this policy needs to be revised and re-approved as national policy.

Resolved: (Colin Weatherall/Chris Owen)

- 1. Note the National Policy on Prosecutions was approved as national policy in July 2014 but that it no longer reflects today's practices.**
- 2. Agree to the amended policy on prosecutions**
- 3. Agree to consult Fish and game Councils on this document and invite feedback on it becoming revised national policy on prosecutions.**

NZ Council wished to acknowledge the contribution of Anthony van Dorp supported by Jacob Smyth and Robert Sowman in the preparation of this material.

Saturday

4 above revisited Licence category & customer value perceptions.

Discussion commenced on Saturday morning with a return to the licence category and customer value perception item. In particular, was a wish to consider a change in the Non-resident (NR) Adult Whole Season fishing licence ratio currently set at 1.3 to 1.35 which equates to a new NR Adult fee of \$180.00. Agreement settled on an increase in the NR adult fee but not to make the consequential flow-on change to other NR categories.

The Adult Day fishing Licence was also reexamined with a suggested increase this to \$24. In fact, after initial discussion there was general support for dropping the day licence to \$20. However, it was finally agreed to keep this fee the same as currently at \$21.

Resolved: (Nigel Juby/Roy Knight)

That the Adult Non-resident Whole Season licence become \$180 with all the other non-resident licence prices staying the same.

Wider funding avenues were also discussed. This included the belief of a need to start looking at Fish & Game as a business and not be limited by the mindset of just considering licence fee increases. Wider funding avenues should include donations, etc. It was accepted that a paper should be produced on the costs of establishing a NZ Council office position tasked with generating alternative sources of revenue for Fish and Game NZ.

20. Correspondence to be considered

One letter was presented for discussion. This related to being cc'd a letter to the Ministers of Environment and Conservation opposing the removal of 10 cumecs from the Rangitata River for irrigation purposes.

Resolved: (Dan Isbister/Chris Owen)

That the letter from Jim Whipp and Paul Hodgson against RDRML removing 10 cumecs from the Rangitata River be received.

21. Staff Activities Report

Council staff presented their report of activities since last reporting to the NZ Council. Questions were asked and discussion held on points raised, but no issues or actions resulted.

Resolved: (Chris Owen/Kevin Williams)

That the CEO and staff activities report for April 2019 be noted and received.

NZ Council wished it be recorded it acknowledges the contribution and efforts made by staff over recent months that have proved to be particularly demanding of their time and input.

22. Health & Safety Bi-monthly Report

A NZ Council health and safety policy was approved in July 2016. This policy is now supported by bi-monthly reporting to Council on health & safety action as recorded by NZ Council staff.

Resolved: (Kevin Williams/Chris Owen)

That the Bi-monthly Health & Safety Report for April 2019 be received.

23. North Canterbury Audit update

The CEO in talking with Graeme Nahkies (co-opted Councillor), Alan Strong (Chairperson) and Richie Cosgrove (Acting Manager) is encouraged about how well they have taken to the task and implemented the changes necessary. This has been a positive outcome. A new Chief Executive is hoped to commence in September. An outline was also provided on North Canterbury's E/Road GPS system added to all Council vehicles for health & safety reason that also measures road user charges. There was considerable interest in this expressed by other NZ Council appointees.

24. RM/Legal update

This item provides an update for those legal projects already approved and where there has been some action since reported at the last meeting.

Ngaruroro Water Conservation Order hearing has concluded.

Resolved: (Paul Shortis/Chris Owen)

That the Legal/RMA Fund report be accepted.

25. Research Programme Update Report

This item provides an update for those research projects already approved and where there has been some action since reported at the last NZ Council meeting. A great deal of work is going into developing a future research programme.

Resolved (Noel Birchall/Andy Harris)

That the April 2019 Research Programme update report be received.

26. National Licence Sales Update.

An update on licence sales was provided with a comparison of YTD figures to 10 March 2019 for the 2018/19 seasons. As the subject had already been covered elsewhere, no further discussion on this item was recorded.

Resolved: (Paul Shortis/Dan Isbister)

That the April 2019 licence sales update be received.

27. Public Excluded Meeting

11.23 am Resolved: (Paul Shortis/Colin Weatherall)

To move into a Public Excluded session of the meeting

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, to discuss:

- a. **Minutes from the last meeting taken in public excluded.**
- b. **CE Advocacy Report**
- c. **Central South Island Audit Update**
- d. **Hawke's Bay Audits**
- e. **Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions**
- f. **1080 Trout Ingestion**
- g. **Firearm legislation changes**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Information provided in confidence	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
XX.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.
	Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ... where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied	Sec 9(2)(be)(i)	Disclosing the information would jeopardise the relationship with the supplier because the supplier may no longer trust the Council to hold its information in confidence.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.
	Maintain legal professional privilege	Sec. 9(2)(h)	To enable the Council to discuss legal advice.	Once the matter is completed and the legal advisor agrees to its release.
	Enable a Minister of the Crown or any Department or organisation holding information to carry out without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.	Sec.9(2)(j)	To enable the Council to discuss the information without improper gain or advantage being given to third parties.	Once agreement has been reached or contract signed.

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

Time: 3.06 pm.

Resolved: (Chris Owen/Kevin Williams)

To move out of Public Excluded and back into a Public meeting.

28. Resolutions from public excluded session

It was agreed in the public excluded session of the meeting that the following resolutions were to be brought forward into the public record.

Central South Island Audit

Resolved: (Bill O’Leary/Chris Owen)

- 1. Agree to accept the final audit report on the Central South Island Fish and Game Council**

Resolved: (Bill O'Leary/Colin Weatherall)

Agree the NZ Council CEO to inform CSI on the recommendations.

Resolved: (Nigel Juby/Roy Knight)

- 3. Agree to release the final audit report on request from external parties after it has been sent to CSI.*
- 4. Agree to have the minutes from this agenda item recorded in the public minutes.*

29. Alternative Funding Avenues

The Chairperson raised a topic for discussion about the need to generate alternative sources of revenue as the organisation cannot keep putting up the licence fee indefinitely. It was felt Fish & Game NZ needed to look into bringing in advertising revenue from whatever it does. It was suggested a donations tab added to the website and asked for this to be scoped. Another suggestion was that we could add value for licence holders with a buyers group. This was supported by other councillors.

General discussion ensued with a direction to the CEO to look into (a) scoping out a position for the NZC office focused on generating alternative sources of revenue, and (b) the cost of putting a donations tab on the website.

30. Closing Remarks

The Chairperson thanked Council and staff for their participation.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4:30 pm Saturday 6th April 2019.

Confirmed:

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