

One hundred and forty-fifth meeting of the  
**New Zealand Fish and Game Council**  
**Wellington**

Tuesday 2 June 2020 (6:30-9:30pm)  
Thursday 4 June 2020 (7:00-9:30pm)  
Thursday 18 June 2020 (5:30-6:21pm)  
via Zoom

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A recording of this meeting can be viewed at: <https://fishandgame.org.nz/about/about-fish-and-game-council/council-downloads/meeting-minutes/>

**PRESENT**

**NZ Councillors:**

Noel Birchall, Lindsay Lyons, Dave Harris, Paul Blewman, Paul Shortis (Chair), Bill O’Leary, Andy Harris, Rainsford Grubb, Nigel Juby, Roy Knight, Dan Isbister and Greg Duley (for Thursday 18 June only).

**NZC Staff:**

Martin Taylor Chief Executive, Carmel Veitch Finance, Jack Kós Policy Advisor, Brian Anderton Senior Communications Advisor, Richie Cosgrove Senior Communications Advisor, Steve Doughty Business Development Manager and Debbie Mair Policy Advisor.

**Guests at Thursday 4 June:** Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation (left 7:35pm), Huia Forbes, Press Secretary to the Minister of Conservation (left 7:35pm) and Mervyn English (left 7:41pm).

**1 Welcome and Chairperson’s Introduction**

**2 Apologies received**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Greg Duley.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Greg Duley and Dave Harris.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June: None.

**Moved: Crs Juby/Lyons**

**3 Conflicts of Interest**

Councillors were asked to individually identify any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were identified. Cr Blewman asked if there was any conflicts regarding the contestable funds. It was agreed there was not.

**4 Minutes**

The Minutes for the meeting 144 held in May 2020 were approved.

**Moved: Crs Blewman/Lyons**

**5 Motion to exclude public**

That the New Zealand Fish and Game Council:

(a) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER</b>	<b>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION</b>
Fish and Game Budget Setting 2020-2021	Section 9(2)(i) OIA The withholding of information is necessary to enable the organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	Section 48(1)(a)(ii) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
Review Terms of Reference Announcement	Section 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA The withholding of information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown.	Section 48(1)(a)(ii) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

(b) And that staff remain to provide advice to the Council.

**Moved: Crs D Harris /O’Leary**

Move out of public excluded

**Moved: Crs Shortis/Lyons**

## **9. Research Priorities**

9.1. That the research priorities set out in this paper be agreed.

9.2 That the Research Reference Group to advance these priorities.

**Moved: Crs Lyons/Birchall**

## **10. NZC Financial Report to April 2020**

10.1 Approve the reforecast budget (post Covid-19) for 2019/20 with a savings of \$435K and a surplus of \$337,438.

10.2 Approve the reduction in Research budget from \$134,000 to \$70,000 for the current year.

**Moved: Crs Grubb/Blewman**

10.3 Amend recommendation 10.3 to below.

Agree to the split of the Research Budget at 0% to Mallard research and 100% to Other Research

**Moved: Crs Grubb/Blewman**

10.4 Amend recommendation 10.4 to below.  
Agree for \$50,000 to be allocated to the National Anglers Survey and the remainder to be put forward for general research.

**Moved: Crs Birchall/A Harris**

10.5 Approve the Financial report as at 30 April 2020.

**Moved: Crs Grubb/Blewman**

**11. National Finance Report to April 2020**

Accept the National Financial Report as at 30 April 2020.

**Moved: Crs Shortis/Lyons**

**12. Research and Legal RMA Reserves**

12.1 To receive this report.

12.2 To accept the Research Reserve as at 30 April 2020 \$285,785 (\$221,785 of the NZC agree to reduce the budget from \$134K to \$70K in the current year).

12.3 To receive the RMA legal reserve as at 30 April 2020.

**Moved: Crs Birchall/Knight**

**13. Comments by Chair**

The Chair apologised for comments made with respect to mallards at the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council.

**14. Business for next meeting**

Cr Birchall gave notice of two motions for the August meeting:

To rescind the previous motion on mallard research and move to discontinue the separate mallard research fund and to consider mallard research proposals on their merit like any other research.

To rescind the previous motion on non-resident levy income and move for the non-residents levy to be treated as licence income and non-residents reserves to become general reserves.

Supporting details will be made available in the agenda for the next meeting.

**15. Meeting Closed**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:21 pm Thursday 18th June 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am Friday 21 August 2020.