



CANDIDATE PROFILES

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
2024 ELECTION

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CENTOFANTI Paul



As a F&G licence holder you'll be reading all the profiles and deciding who to vote for. This shows me that you are obviously passionate about what is happening to New Zealand's inland fishing and game birds. Especially in Central South Island.

I'm now putting forward my name as a councillor. I have been a passionate angler for over 45 years. Currently I'm a committee member of the Salmon & Riparian Support Trust, a member of Canterbury Anglers Club and South Canterbury Salmon Club. I have a keen interest in the salmon fishery as a volunteer member of McKinnon's Creek Hatchery.

As a currently serving member of the council, I have spent numerous days with the staff of CSI F&G helping to improve our fishery. I was part of the selection committee for our new CEO and the chair for the 10-year Operational CSI F&G Plan.

Our recreational interests have been declining at an exponential rate, with excessive water extraction, being the major contributor, along with over fertilisation of the land, affecting both quantity and quality of our water and declining our trout and salmon fishery.

Destruction of natural habitat and draining of our wetlands have contributed to the poor water quality in all the lower rivers. I've witnessed first-hand the destruction of our water ways by over exploitation of the nature resource that New Zealanders hold so close to their livelihoods and recreations. All these need to stop if we are going to improve our fisheries and bird habitats.

Candidate Interest Statement

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DULEY Willie

I'm a passionate hunter and angler currently living in Methven with my young family and have hunted and fished in the Central South Island region for over 15 years.

An avid outdoorsman, I love eating wild game and cherish the positive benefits these sports have on my physical and mental wellbeing.

My reasons for applying beyond that of wanting to give back and help future-proof the organisation that gives my family, friends and I so much joy, is I believe I can bring a very relevant and up to date perspective on what hunters and anglers see as the state of our resources and what our licence holders want.

Topics such as season lengths, bag limits, hunter/angler access and new opportunities are all areas I believe I can offer valuable insight.

I think our Fish & Game Regions do a great and sometimes thankless job, and we don't need vast changes to an already winning formula. In saying that, public perception is an area that requires improvement through better messaging (by fully utilising tools like social media) and working more collaboratively with key stakeholders like farmers and iwi. I totally understand Fish & Game's freshwater mandate and how important it is for the long-term health of our sport, but believe farmers and landowners need to feel like part of the solution, not the problem.

A vote for me is a vote for common sense and the best interests of our future hunters and anglers.

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FIELD Kyle



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As an accomplished hunter and fisherman, I believe I have a lot to offer to ensure that our sport and environment is preserved and maintained for future generations. As a parent it is important to me that the next generation can experience nature and its environment at its absolute finest.

I believe through accurate eco system management and resource management, looking after recreational hunting and fishing and the environment are achievable, giving not only hunters better experiences within nature but all walks of life.

As a council member I bring out of the box thinking with a level approach and sustainable ideas to the table which will help open and maintain areas and eco systems that are under environmental threat.

I strongly believe that recreational hunting and fishing is critical to maintaining the eco system and if managed well can continue for years to come. I believe our country has an abundance of exceptional waterways that through constructive management in the right areas will ensure a positive outcome and sustainable access to everybody.

As part of being a councillor I would also like to implement an environment that encourages new hunter training and skills training to help and develop our next generation to ensure there is future succession to look after our environment, water ways, hunting and fishing way of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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JUBY Leo



I'm nineteen years old and an enthusiastic angler. I recognise the value of the canal fishery and have some concerns about a declining catch rate. After the collapse of the sea-run salmon fishery, I don't want another important fishery to disappear. I am also passionate about protecting our game birds.

At age seventeen, I walked the Te Araroa Trail from the Marlborough Sounds to Te Anau solo during my school holidays. Although I am young I have both governance experience and training, having been a full member of my high school's board of trustees and attending the national conference.

In summary, I bring a useful perspective from a young person who spends a lot of time in the outdoors fishing a wide range of waters throughout the CSI region. Please consider giving me your vote.

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KOEVOET Linn

I am aged 69, married with two adult children. I am retired after serving 32 years within the New Zealand Police Service.

I have fished the Waitaki Valley from my childhood. Being a long-standing trout and salmon fisherman, I firmly believe, like other fishermen of my generation, we have seen the best of our fishing experience, as the future of our fisheries are showing concerning trends in the wrong direction.

Having taken so much pleasure from hunting and fishing, I decided to put something back into a great resource. In 2009 I helped in establishing a Waitaki Volunteer Salmon Hatchery to assist Fish and Game in addressing the decline in the wild salmon run on the whole of the east coast fishery. This decline continues to this day and threatens the very future of the wild salmon's existence.

I was elected to the CSI Fish and Game Council in 2012. In 2021 I was appointed as the CSI F&G representative to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council. The most notable achievement to date was (2024) with Mr Steve McKnight the CEO of CSI F&G, we, together successfully negotiated the employment of an additional staff member to the team.

September 2022 I was appointed to chairman of the CSI F&G Council. I commend the staff for their excellent work while under-staffed in the field.

I urge all licence holders to vote in this election, it is essential that your voice is heard and in doing so carefully consider the candidates.

Candidate Interest Statement

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have a potential conflict of interest with Fish and Game NZ at the date of my nomination as I am a member and an executive member of the "Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Inc" also commonly known as the "Waitaki community volunteer salmon hatchery".



MAY Vicky

I am now living in Timaru.

My recent governing experience has been serving the Otago F&G Region as councillor, nominated for the executive committee and vice chair position.

I have an immense passion for our sport, I believe strongly as a Kiwi that we have the birth-right to fish and hunt our land first. Our visitors to NZ can and should be paying more for the privilege to use our resources through the specifically formed non-resident licence.

I would be happy to aid in administering positive changes along with diversity within the region. As an organisation there is considerable work ahead to ensure we can sustain and enhance a positive way forward through our governance structures.

Our future that lies ahead is challenging, the ever-changing environment, licence fees rising along with the general costs of living. We need this sport more than ever; this is our coping mechanism for all sorts of reasons.

I for one am not giving up and not giving in, if nominated I will advocate for:

- Hunters and anglers as New Zealanders to ensure their rights are heard and our precious resources are protected.
- Collaborate, listen, problem solve, re access with our land holders.
- Empower woman to fish, hunt and to work together in governance roles.
- Encourage our children, allow them the opportunity to hunt and fish as I believe skills such as, communication, patience, knowledge and independence will set them up for life.

What we do today shapes our world tomorrow!

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MCKENZIE Callum



I've been lucky enough to be brought up in a family that lives their lives based around the fishing and hunting seasons we have on offer here in New Zealand. My 30 years have been spent anywhere between North Canterbury and the deep south chasing ducks, trout and salmon. Living in Fairlie now and working as a builder, my time is spent predominantly on the numerous lake and river systems all over the central South Island and North Canterbury making the most of what we have available.

Having kids of my own now has really enforced my beliefs in preserving and enhancing the opportunities we have to put food on our table and looking after the access to the places we go to for a reset from our everyday lives. It has also brought on an extra level of enthusiasm for getting the next generation of young ones involved and educated on the hunting and fishing opportunities on offer. I believe these resources are heavily under-utilised by the general public, particularly when a lot of people are placing far more importance on mental health and looking for more free range/ organic food options.

I believe I have a solid platform of knowledge, an eagerness to learn and the drive to improve our fishing and hunting opportunities available to licence holders.

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MCKENZIE Craig

Having served two terms on the Central South Island Council, I feel that the hunters and fishers of the Central South Island Region, would be well served by re-electing me to the council.

I have been an active member of the council representing all licence holders, giving a perspective from a gamebird hunting base. This, allied with my upbringing on the Rangitata River, gives me a valuable perspective on the issues faced by the Central South Island Region.

I have undergone the 3 lots of governance training Fish and Game have organised whilst on the council and use this training to serve the licence holders to my best ability.

During the next term of council, I aim to help ensure that the Central South Island Region makes best use of its income and maintains its place as the most desired region for both gamebird hunting and fishing.

I am aware of the issues faced nationwide by Fish and Game, both at a "ground level" and political level and the steps we must take to negotiate these issues.

Thank you for reading this and rest assured, a vote for me will help the Central South Island region maintain its pre-eminence as the place to be for gamebird hunting and fishing.

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SIMPSON Andrew



Andrew has been a member (and is a former chair) of Central South Island Fish and Game Council since 2018 and is a current member of the Game Animal Council and the Institute of Directors. Andrew works as a lawyer and an academic.

I agree with a former chair that the role of Fish and Game is to ensure that “there are birds in the air and fish in the streams.” As a council member, my aims are to ensure that the council is solvent, well-governed, and well-managed, so that our team of staff can continue doing an excellent job for hunters and anglers.

Thank you for your support.

E mihi ana ki te hunga e pōti ana i au.

Candidate Interest Statement

This candidate has opted not to disclose whether they have conflicts of interest with Fish & Game NZ.

