

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Present: S Bannister L Koevoet (Chair)
P Centofanti C McKenzie
J DeWit D Rattray
A Simpson

In Attendance: S McKnight (CE), H Stevens (Senior FGO).

24-023 APOLOGIES:

J Henry (Ngai Tahu).

Resolved (Simpson/McKenzie)

24-016

THAT THE APOLOGY OF JOHN HENRY BE ACCEPTED.

24-024 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register; or considered that the business of today's meeting would give rise to any actual or perceived conflict with their interests? None were advised. CE reminded Council to also be mindful of 'pre-determination' as outlined in Councils Conflicts of Interest Register.

24-025 HEALTH & SAFETY:

CE pointed out exit points of the building and assembly point for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency.

24-026 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

026.1 2024/25 Licence Fee Recommendation (4.1)

CE spoke to the NZC report advising that no increase to licence fees for the 2024/25 season is being recommended.

Resolved (Simpson/Centofanti)

24-017

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LICENCE FEES:

1. THAT THE 2024/25 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISH LICENCE FEE IS SET AT \$153 AND THAT THE ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE IS SET AT \$113 (INCLUSIVE OF A \$5 FEE FOR THE GAMEBIRD HABITAT STAMP), WITH ALL PROPORTIONAL CHANGES TO REMAINING LICENCE FEES AND CATEGORIES (NO CHANGE FROM 2023/24).
2. THAT THE SEA-RUN SALMON LICENCE ENDORSEMENT IS SET AT \$5 (AS A COST-RECOVERY MECHANISM) (NO CHANGE FROM 2023/24).

3. **THAT THE DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE, IS SET AT \$5 ANNUAL LICENCE PER FISH AND GAME REGION FOR RESIDENT ANGLERS AND AS A DAY LICENCE TO NON—RESIDENT ANGLERS AT A FEE OF \$40 (NO CHANGE FROM 2023/24).**

026.2 Upper Ohau Spring Season 2023 Review (4.2)

R Adams provided Council a report on the 2023 Spring Season advising that it continued to be a highly valued trophy trout fishery on the Upper Ōhau River. As the 2023 ballot schedule and monitoring had given a result of 92% satisfaction the recommendation was to repeat the conditions for the upcoming 2024 season. A general discussion ensued, and questions of clarification were responded to by H Stevens and S McKnight. Council extended its appreciation to R Adams on a well written report.

Resolved (Centofanti/Simpson)

24-018

THAT THE 2024 SPRING SEASON BALLOT SCHEDULE BE A REPEAT OF THE 2023 SCHEDULE.

026.3 2024/25 Angler Notice Review (4.3)

H Stevens spoke to his recommendation that complies with the salmon threshold management system that was put in place for the 2021/22 season. He noted salmon numbers were generally approaching the severe threshold with the Rangitata River looking to have its worst spawning numbers on record to date. General discussion ensued with H Stevens and S McKnight providing clarification on comments related to catch and release of salmon indicating that they felt educating anglers on good catch and release practice is the best way to ensure salmon survival.

Resolved (Centofanti/McKenzie)

24-019

THAT THE SEA-RUN SALMON SEASON BAG LIMIT FOR 2024/25 FOR THE CSIFG AND NCFG REGIONS COMPLIES WITH THE THRESHOLD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND BE BASED ON THE FINAL ESTIMATES OF THE COMBINED WAIMAKARIRI, RAKAIA AND RANGITATA SEA-RUN SALMON SPAWNING POPULATION SIZE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN 21 JUNE 2024, AS FOLLOWS-

- I. COMBINED SPAWNING POPULATION SIZE BETWEEN 1,200 AND 5,100 FISH – RETAIN 2 FISH SEASON BAG LIMIT**
- II. COMBINED SPAWNING POPULATION SIZE OF LESS THAN 1,200 FISH – IMPLEMENT 1 FISH SEASON BAG LIMIT.**

026.4 Drug and Alcohol Policy and Fatigue Management Policy (Late Report)

NZ Council provided a draft Drug and Alcohol Policy and a Fatigue Management Policy for Council consideration. CE advised that these policies are in response to the Maritime NZ's audit that was conducted in October 2023 in which Maritime NZ advised that regions must have these policies in place to continue with their boating operations.

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THAT CSI COUNCIL ADOPT THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY AND THE FATIGUE MANAGEMENT POLICY PROVIDED TO THE 23 MAY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.

026.5 Risk Register (4.4)

CE provided Council with updates on clauses 5, 7, 8, 12 and 15 of CSI's Risk Register.

026.6 2024/25 Contestable Fund Outcome (4.5)

Council felt that NZC should clarify where the Levies from CSI are being spent. This is in response to the request for 3% savings which CSI had adopted, and a concern that the magazine and RM funds were under threat of being cut. It was suggested that CSI, Otago and NC meet to discuss this issue with an outlook toward approaching NZC for information. This would allow regions to gain a better understanding of how their levies are supporting F&G as a whole. It was felt that the South Island Chairs need to expediate having a meeting to discuss various issues, including levies.

026.7 Fish and Game Rangatahi Sponsorship Initiative (4.6)

CE advised that Rangatahi have been assisting with the Winnemem Wintu work and there could be an opportunity to consider a sponsorship initiative.

24-027 CHAIRS REPORT:

027.1 CE Performance Appraisal Process (5.1)

Chair advised that Council needs to form a Sub-Committee to undertake the CE's Performance Appraisal. It was **AGREED** that the Chair (L Koevoet), A Simpson, and P Centofanti be named as members of the CE's Performance Appraisal Sub-committee. It was pointed out that the Performance Appraisal details will remain confidential to the Sub-Committee and the CE with only a high-level summary of the outcome being provided to Council.

24-028 NZFGC MATTERS:

028.1 Update from NZC Meeting (L Koevoet)

L Koevoet clarified that the purpose of Future Structure Working Party and Future Finance Working Party documents that were emailed out to Councillors were discussion documents. The circulation of these documents was to promote ideas to be discussed and then forwarded back to NZ Council. NZ Council are also waiting to receive the Crawford Report they commissioned. Once that report is received, that information will go towards forming a future report to go out to regions. Concern was expressed at the lack of explanation and information in the documents.

L Koevoet advised on the outcome of the contestable funding process. A discussion ensued around the system of distributing contestable funds. Clarity was subsequently provided (after the meeting) that the current system will be reviewed in conjunction with the future finance working group and the upcoming Crawford report. Any recommendations for change will come to the regions before any decisions are made.

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24-029 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved (McKenzie/Rattray)

24-021

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2024 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Resolved (Centofanti/Simpson)

24-022

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 17 APRIL 2024 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Resolved (Simpson/Bannister)

24-023

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 25 APRIL 2024 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

24-030 CSI ACTION SCHEDULE:

Resolution 23-101

J deWit stated that in reference to resolution 23-101 that NZ can only undertake an audit. Chair responded that a request has been made to the NZ Council to assist CSI in proofreading an application prior to it being forwarded by CSI to the Minister. The NZ Council has responded that any documentation sent to them would be looked at for legal scrutiny.

Resolution 23-102 (ii) – NZOID Online Training for Councillors

It was noted that the online training needs to be progressed. Councillors should go online and register and start their training prior to the July Council meeting. CE advised he would send out a link.

Resolution 23-102 (iii) – Re-affirm Commitment to Governance Policies/Standing Orders

A question arose as to who had not yet re-affirmed their commitment in writing. S Bannister advised he had verbally made his commitment over a year ago, but not in writing, and would like it recorded in the minutes that he verbally reaffirms his commitment. The query was put to J DeWit if he had re-affirmed his commitment. J DeWit responded that he has.

Secretarial Note: On 15 December 2023 at 12:24 pm J DeWit advised the CE and Councillors via email correspondence that he withdrew his previous affirmation. No further affirmation has been received by the CE since that email.

Resolution 23-102 (iv) – Set an outcome for reputational improvement and implements a plan

CE reminded Council of the need to address this resolution.

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24-031 BUDGET & FINANCE:

CE responded to general queries on the profit and loss report.

Resolved (Simpson/Rattray)

24-024

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2024 AND APRIL 2024 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$104,296.54, AND \$126,390.44, RESPECTIVELY.

24-032 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

These reports were received, and staff were congratulated on a full work plan.

24-033 FISH AND GAME ELECTION:

It was AGREED that there be agenda item at the next meeting to discuss the number of Councillors for the upcoming Fish and Game Council elections in October.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Council Meeting: Thursday 18 July 2024 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed: 9:54 pm.

Signed *G.A. Howson* Date 18-7-24