

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 192nd MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND
GAME COUNCIL AND FINAL MEETING OF THE OUTGOING
2018-2021 COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) ON
WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2021 AT 4.00PM**

Present

Ngahi Bidois, David Woolner, Murray Ferris, Laurance Tamati, Lindsay Lyons, Barry Roderick, and Debbie Oakley.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Kate Thompson (Eastern Fish & Game).

1.0 WELCOME AND KARAKIA

1.1 Chairman Cr Ngahi Bidois opened the meeting at 4.03pm with a karakia and welcomed all present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Crs Ken Coombes and Geoff Thomas.

2.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Lindsay Lyons) that the apologies for the 192nd meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [21/11/2.2]*

3.0 2020-2021 PERFORMANCE REPORT

3.1 The audited copy of the 2020-2021 Performance Report for the Eastern Fish & Game Region had been emailed to the outgoing Councillors earlier in the day. Andy Garrick reconfirmed that the purpose of this one-off meeting was to adopt the 2020-21 Performance Report which had unfortunately been held up due to NZ Post delays.


3.2 Andy informed Council of minor adjustments to the report which had occurred since the draft report had been presented at the November meeting. He was pleased to report positive results overall in a year in which forecasts of income had led to conservative budgets once again being adopted, spending reduced by 5%, and an expectation at the end of the year of our regional reserves needing to be drawn down by up to \$113,000 in order to fund our work plan. Instead we had ended up with a net surplus for the year of \$46,170 against a budgeted deficit of \$172,753. Andy provided a brief summary of additional revenue received over that budgeted, and further reductions in spending which had contributed to the positive end of year result.

3.3 Andy said the audit management letter was very encouraging and had not identified any concerns. The auditor had requested that the Sensitive Expenditure Policy be updated in the coming year to align with the OAG Sensitive Expenditure guidelines which had been updated recently.

3.4 Cr Lindsay Lyons questioned whether the auditors, Owen McLeod & Co, had performed any checks on governance? Cr David Woolner advised that the auditor had called him in his role as chairman and had run through a governance check list with him. Lindsay wished to know whether the auditors had any comments to make in relation to governance, particularly within the Public Excluded sessions as he had known this to happen in previous NZ Council audits. Andy Garrick advised that the auditor had not commented nor looked specifically into this to his knowledge.

3.5 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Laurance Tamati) that Council adopts the Performance Report for the 2020-2021 year. [21/12/3.5]*

- 4.0 Cr Ngahi Bidois invited Councillors to present any final comments they might have. Overall, the Council was pleased with the positive results for the year given the issues that had had to be dealt with, and acknowledged Andy Garrick and his staff for their work. Ngahi also thanked Cr David Woolner and Andy for their leadership during these difficult times. As a departing Councillor, David felt that the performance of the region this year was a feather in the organisation's cap given the circumstances and challenges we had once again been faced with. Cr Laurance Tamati commented that he felt Eastern Fish & Game was in good shape and was appreciative of staffs' input to meetings. Laurance thanked all present and asked that his thanks be passed on to staff who were not present for this meeting.
- 5.0 Cr Ngahi Bidois thanked both David and Laurance for the contribution each had made to the Eastern Fish and Game Council noting that they had been unable to attend the prior meeting where presentations had been made to the other departing Councillors.
- 6.0 MEETING CLOSED**
- 6.1 The meeting was closed at 4.19pm with a closing karakia from Cr Ngahi Bidois.



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Ngahi Bidois
Chairman

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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