

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD
AT 10AM ON 1 DECEMBER 2020 AT FAIRWEATHERS – 36 SCOTT STREET,
BLLENHEIM.**

Present: Owen Baigent Chair
Bill Cash
David Haynes
Ben Minehan
Bill O’Leary
Ben Sowry
Jack Gauld
Robin Blackmore
Jean Willis
Jim Anderson
Tom Kroos

In Attendance

Ray Grubb	NZ F&G Council Chair
Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Jacob Lucas	Field Officer
Lawson Davey	Field Officer
Vaughan Lynn	Field Officer

The Chair welcomed Ray Grubb NZ F&G Chair to the meeting

1. APOLOGIES.

Steve Holmes, Keepa Timms (Ngai Tahu Representative), Phil Bradfield (DOC Representative)

C1/12/20 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
J Anderson/T Kroos
CARRIED

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No new business was identified it was agreed to bring forward the NZ Council Report so Ray could give this report before he departed the meeting.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Annual agenda noted, no changes made.

No one identified any conflicts with the listed agenda items.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

C2/12/20 **MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.**
R Blackmore/B Sowry
CARRIED

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED
SCHEDULE**

Members of the Whale Trail Cycle Trail will be giving a presentation at the public forum.

Fulton Hogan have approached the Manager concerning gravel extraction at the proposed Marlborough Fish out Ponds, they are very keen to get the contract to extract the gravel. It was agreed that we would ask them to pay/contribute towards the resource consent costs.

Discussion with Ray Grubb

Ray introduced himself gave his background, 9 days into the position of NZ Council Chair Ray is very keen to get around regions to listen and learn and assure regions there will be a not surprises Policy.

Ray said his approach to the role is.

- conscious we are representing 130,000 licence holders, and their needs come first
 - belief we get our results in the Regions where we meet our licence holders
 - adherence to the Statutory role of NZ Council to consult and co-ordinate
 - respect for the Statutory independence of all 13 Regions as individual Bodies Corporate
- Topics discussed were.

Budgets, Non-Resident levy, Ministerial Review Resource Allocation Project Pressure Sensitive Fisheries, NPS, Internal Audits and dialog with Federated Farmers, Trout Farming and Pheasant Preservers.

C3/12/20 **MOVE THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITE TO THE NZ F&G
COUNCIL GIVING SUPPORT TO ON GOING DIALOG WITH
FEDERATED FARMERS.**
B O'Leary/J Gauld
CARRIED

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

C4/12/20 **MOVE THAT THE OCTOBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE
CONFIRMED**
T Kroos/D Haynes
CARRIED

The Financial Report to 31 October 2020 and Licence Sales report was received.
R Blackmore/D Haynes

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7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Tabled and received J Willis/B Sowry

8. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020.

C5/12/20 MOVE THAT THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31
AUGUST 2020 BE APPROVED
T Kroos/J Gauld
CARRIED

9. COVID-19 WAGE SUBSIDY.

It was agreed to readdress this issue at the March meeting when the actual impact of continued border closure can be seen.

10. DRAFT MOU ON LICENCE DATABASE USE.

C6/12/20 MOVE THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE SECOND DRAFT
PREPARED BY THE MANAGERS AS THE PREFERRED DOCUMENT
R Blackmore/D Haynes
CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Nigel Muir – The Whale Trail

Nigel presented to the Council the Trusts proposal for the route of the proposed cycle trail from Picton to Blenheim. After full discussion it was agreed that Trust members, F&G staff and Councillors would meet on site and walk the proposed route and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Guy Gardiner - Licence Holder

Guy addressed the Council with concerns he has about water quality in the Opawa and Taylor Rivers, he also asked the Council that when the anglers notice is next up for review that consideration be given to the present Taylor River Junior fishery regulation becoming available to adults with the condition of catch and release.

11. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

12. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had help at the last Kids Fish out Day at the Waimea Ponds.

MEETING CLOSED 3.15 pm

CHAIRMAN  DATED 2-2 - 2021.

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Presentation of the Performance Report to 31 August 2020.

The Performance Report to 31 August 2020 was presented at 5pm on 1 December 2020. One licence holder, Carey Cudby was present.