

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

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD  
AT 10AM ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021, AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND, NELSON.**

**Present:** Owen Baigent      Chair  
Bill Cash  
Ben Minehan  
Bill O’Leary  
Jack Gauld  
Robin Blackmore  
Jean Willis  
Steve Holmes

**In Attendance**

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer
Keepa Timms	(Ngai Tahu Representative)
Chris Golding	(DOC Representative) part meeting

- 1. APOLOGIES.** Jim Anderson, Tom Kroos, Ben Sowry, David Haynes  
Jacob Lucas, Vaughan Lynn.

**C1/02/21      MOVE      THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED**  
**B Cash/B Minehan**  
**CARRIED**

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER**

Three late NZ Council papers were tabled, it was agreed to consider these at the end of the meeting before General Business.

- Draft Email Security and Access Policy (Microsoft 365)
- Game Bird Guide’s Licence Latent Provisions
- Draft Whale Trail Para Wetland Proposal.

**3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Annual agenda noted, no changes made.

Executive Committee to meet before the 16<sup>th</sup> March Council meeting to carry out the managers half yearly review, and to make a decision on the COVID 19 Wage Subsidy on behalf of the Council.

No one identified any conflicts with the listed agenda items.

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**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

C2/02/21      MOVE      THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING BE  
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

R Blackmore/B O'Leary

CARRIED

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

Members of The Whale Trail Cycle Trust will give a second presentation at 1pm following the onsite visit that took place in December with Fish & Game Councillors and Staff.

The Manager reported that in winter when the summer field work programme is completed, he will continue his liaison with Iwi on the draft Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan.

The Manager will contact Andrew Pearson (MPI) and request a copy of the interim 1080 research report, as to date we have only received a brief email.

**6. FISH & GAME RESOURCE ALLOCATION PROJECT. BY Concept Consulting**

There was a mixed reaction to this paper points made included.

- May have been better to complete this task after the up-and-coming National Anglers Survey
- The National Anglers Survey needs to be more intensive (more detailed questions asked) and maybe more frequently to get better angler information.
- Included all income not just licence income which made those regions that had other income look over resourced.
- West Coast looks under resource because NM do their admin (NM look over resourced because they get income for doing this work.
- The graph showing what Fish & Game NZ spend money on should have been a graph showing where Fish & Game NZ staff hours are spent.
- This is only a financial allocation project and does not consider regional habitat resources which is what was thought this project was also going to address.
- what is missing is an indication of how each region's budget would change if the DEQ allocation process was implemented.

Councillors were asked to have another read of the paper and if they come up with more comments to forward these to the manager via email before the 26<sup>th</sup> of February when NZ Council need feedback. The manager will respond to NZ Council.

**7. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LIAISON**

Chris Golding updated the Council on

- Predator control programme.

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- The 3 million dollars grant the Tasman District Council has received for wetland restoration/recovery projects that is part of the governments creating jobs for nature.
- New Regional Fresh Water Advisory Role that hopefully will be filled soon.

Chris was asked what was the Department's policy on Water Conservation Orders. – Chris will report back on this.

The topic of getting better information from helicopter concession returns to assist Fish and Game to better manage back country fisheries was brought up again, this was discussed back in 2019 when the Manager and FO Lucas produced in conjunction with Racquel Edmonds DOC Senior National Transaction Centre Advisor a list of questions which Fish & Game would like answered. This was provided but gave us very little information, and concession information is not all due at the same time.

If/when a Guides licence is introduced this information will be easier to obtain.

**8. THE WHALE TRAIL.**

Nigel Muir (Trustee) and Vicki Nalder (Construction Manager) presented to the Council the second draft proposal for the route of the cycle trail from Picton to Blenheim. This was completed after Trust members, F&G staff and Councillors walked the proposed route in December. Mitigation ideas for Fish & Game to consider were.

- Begin screen planting now in key areas.
- An option could be to restrict shells to 2 ¾ inch.
- Build permanent maimai's in key areas of conflict with the idea of positioning the maimai's away from the western side of Para, these structures could have multiple uses, e.g., bird watching out of season.

A sub committee was formed to work with The Whale Trail Trust to come up with a concept plan for the area of the trail that borders the Para Wetland.

Councillor Gauld asked that his objection to this whole proposal be recorded.

**9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

**C3/02/21      MOVE      THAT THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ACCOUNTS  
FOR PAYMENT TOTTALLING \$116,087.54 BE CONFIRMED FOR  
PAYMENT  
B O'Leary/K Timms  
CARRIED**

The Financial Report to 31 December 2020 and Licence Sales report was received.  
R Blackmore/B Cash.

**10. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

Tabled and received S Holmes/R Blackmore

**11. DRAFT OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN 21/22**

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The following comments were made.

- Put in a Goal for the Hatchery Operation and Releases and delete point 4 and make last paragraph of point 3 into point 4.
- 1200 Habitat Protection & Management – Resource Management Act point 4 amend to include investigating legal advocacy options for FG if Trustpower apply for an extension to their consent.
- Change Picton to Kaikoura cycleway Trust to Whale Trail Trust.

Staff will now put hours and budget next to each project ready for approval at the next meeting.

**12. NEW ZEALAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL REPORT**

- CEO – Resigned just prior to Christmas.
- Paul Shortis Acting CEO in the interim
- The Remuneration Committee has been re-established.

**13. CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair tabled an article which interviewed the current NZ F&G Chair Ray Grubb from a farming paper which he considered to be the best he has read and showed Fish & Game in a good light.

**14. GAME BIRD GUIDE'S LICENCE LATENT PROVISIONS**

C4/02/21     **MOVE        THAT THIS COUNCIL OPPOSES THE REMOVAL OF  
THE GAME BIRD GUIDE LICENCE PROVISIONS, AS THIS WILL BE  
CONSIDERED BY FISH & GAME ONCE THE FISHING GUIDE  
LICENCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.**  
R Blackmore/J Gauld  
CARRIED

**15. DRAFT EMAIL SECURITY AND ACCESS POLICY (MICROSOFT 365).**

C5/02/21     **MOVE        THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE DRAFT EMAIL  
SECURITY AND ACCESS POLICY AS TABLED.**  
R Blackmore/B Cash  
CARRIED

**16. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.**

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

C6/02/21     **MOVE        THAT THIS COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2021 GAME  
NOTICE AS PRESENTED**  
R Blackmore/B Cash  
CARRIED

The only changes to the Game Notice are dates.

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*17. GENERAL BUSINESS*

No general business.

*MEETING CLOSED 3.20 pm*

CHAIRMAN *O J Baigent* DATED *16.2* 2021.

## Action required from February 2021 Council Meeting

Topic	Action	Target Date	Staff/Councillor	Status
SF&GB Management Plan	Draft to Councillors	May 2019	Manager	Progressing
Marlb Fish out Ponds	Progress this issue	June 2021	Manager	Ongoing update in OWP
Marlb Kaikoura Trail Trust	Collective meeting	March 2021	Manager, Staff and Councillors	Setting meeting date
MPI 1080	Request interim report from MPI	1 October	Manager	Waiting for report from MPI –
Waima River Consent	Review consent		Manager	Waiting on Consent
Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Paper	A paper on this topic was presented to the NZ Council at their November meeting with a recommendation that NZC refer the paper to Regions for comment.	December	Manager	Waiting on paper to come from NZ Council for comment