MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT 10 AM ON 17 MAY 2022, AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.

Present:

Owen Baigent

Jean Willis Steve Holmes

Felix Borenstein

(left meeting at 2.20)

Tom Kroos David Haynes

Sebastien Den Doncker

Nick King

Present Remotely

Bill Cash Guy Gardiner from 10 am

from 1pm

In Attendance

Rhys Barrier

Manager

Karen Crook

Secretary Field Officer

Lawson Davey Jacob Lucas

Field Officer

In Attendance Remotely

Vaughan Lyn

Field Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Keepa Timms (Ngai Tahu Representative), Ian McLeod

C1/05/22 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED

T Kroos/D Haynes

CARRIED

Councillor Willis was against the acceptance of Ian McLeod's apology. It was noted that discussion around meeting dates and the ability of Councillor McLeod to attend meetings will be discussed under general business.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

One letter received 13 May from NZC Chair Ray Grubb on "Funding Provision for Implementation of the Ministerial Review and the Resource Allocation Project" was added to Correspondence In.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No changes to the Annual Agenda

Councillors signed the Conflict register and identified whether there were any topics to be discussed at this meeting they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

C2/05/22 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE
MEETING.
J Willis/S Holmes
CARRIED

- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH MINUTES/ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE
- 5.1 The Council went into committee so those not present last meeting could receive an update.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

C3/05/22 MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED UNDER

SECTION 48(1) (A) (I) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 DURING DISCUSSION OF

ITEMS OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE, AS THE DISCLOSURE OF

SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO COUNCIL'S

REQUIRMENT TO PROTECT INFORMATION WHICH IS SUBJECT

TO AN OBLIGATION OF CONFIDENCE

D Haynes/T Kroos

CARRIED

C4/05/22 MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL GO INTO COMMITTEE
D Haynes/T Kroos
CARRIED
10.15am

C5/05/22 MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL COME OUT OF

COMMITTEE
D Haynes/T Kroos
CARRIED
10.20am

5.2 The Manager was asked to send the current draft Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan out to all Councillors so discussion can be had at the July Council meeting with the aim of sending it out for public consultation in August 2022.

ACTION MANAGER

- 6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.
- C6/05/22 MOVE THAT THE MARCH AND APRIL 2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING \$126,964.98 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT

D Haynes/ F Borenstein CARRIED

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted

8. FISH COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

C7/05/22 MOVE

THAT THE FISH COMMITTEE REPORT BE

ACCEPTED
J Willis/F Borenstein
CARRIED

8.1 22/23 Anglers Notice

C8/05/22

MOVE

THAT THE FISH COMMITTEE'S DRAFT

ANGLERS NOTICE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE

22/23 SEASON

J Willis/F Borenstein

CARRIED

Approved changes

- 1. Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa daily limit be reduced from 4 fish per day to 2 fish per day.
- 2. The boundary of the Upper Wairau designated fishery by moved to the six-mile.

8.2 Pressure Sensitive Fisheries

The Council agreed to support the Fish Committees recommendation that this Council support in principle the pressure sensitive fishery paper - the following suggestions will be sent through to the NZC for consideration

- 1. subject to some regional flexibility
- 2. the term designated waters would be a better term than back country fishery which is like the term used overseas
- 3. a flat fee purchased up front at the time of purchasing a whole season non-resident instead of the per diem charge
- 4. the number of designated waters per NR angler per region needs to be reviewed considering proposed regional amalgamations
- 5. Guides licence interfaces intimately with the Pressure Sensitive Fishery framework so these two pieces of work need to be actioned ASAP.

9. REPORT ON CHAIRS MEETING IN WELLINGTON APRIL 2022. – Councillor Jean Willis

Councillor Jean Willis represented this Council at the Wellington meeting as the Chair had tested positive to COVID 19. Councillor Willis spoke to his written report. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that 4 Councillors from this region Tom Kroos, Owen Baigent, Jean

Willis and David Haynes would attend a meeting between West Coast, NM and North Canterbury to discuss a possible 3-way merger as outlined in the Hunt report.

10. 22-23 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION.

C9/05/22

MOVE THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT THE
2022/23 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISH LICENCE FEE IS SET
AT \$145 AND THAT THE ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE
IS SET AT \$107(INCLUSIVE OF A \$5 FEE FOR THE GAME BIRD
HABITAT STAMP), WITH ALL PROPORTIONAL CHARGES TO
REMAINING LICENCE FEES AND CATEGORIES INCLUDING A \$5
FEE BEING ADDED TO THE SEA RUN SALMON LICENCE
ENDORSEMENT (AS A COST RECOVERY MECHANISM). 22/23
SEASON

J Willis/D Haynes

CARRIED

C10/05/22

MOVE THAT THE THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT,
ADDITIONAL TO THE ABOVE LICENCE FEE INCREASE, THE
ADULT WHOLE SEASON NON-RESIDENT LICENCE FEE IS
INCREASED TO \$250 AND THAT THE FEE FOR THE REMAINING
NON-RESIDENT LICENCE CATEGORIES ARE INCREASED ON THE
SAME RATIO.
J Willis/D Haynes
CARRIED

C11/05/22

THAT THE THIS COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT THAT A NEW LICENCE CATEGORY IS ESTABLISHED CALLED A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE, AVAILABLE AS A FREE SEASON ENDORSEMENT TO RESIDENT ANGLERS AND AS A DAY LICENCE TO NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS AT A FEE OF \$50. THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT A NEW LICENCE CATEGORY IS ESTABLISHED CALLED A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE, AVAILABLE AS A FREE SEASON ENDORSEMENT TO RESIDENT ANGLERS AND A FLAT FEE OF AT LEAST \$250 BE SET INSTEAD OF A PER DIEM CHARGE TO NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS.

S Den Doncker /D Haynes CARRIED

2 Councillors abstain *Rational*

After discussion whilst accepting the concept of a designated waters licence, the Council felt a per diem charge was unwieldy and too difficult to administer. It was considered that non-resident anglers would rather pay an upfront flat fee at the time of their NR licence purchase if they intended to fish any designated waters. The majority of Council (2 abstentions) then agreed that a flat fee of at least \$250 (in

addition to the \$250 non-resident licence fee), be set instead of a per diem charge, to enable the non-resident purchaser to fish any designated waters within NZ (except Taupo). There was also recognition from the council that regional or waterway specific limits to the number of designated waters licences issued each angling season would still need to be applied in the future in line with the Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Framework concepts.

NZC further seeks an indication from Fish and Game Councils as to whether they intend to recommend any waterways as Designated Water for the 2022/23 season.

Council agreed they would designate some waters this season if this proposal does go ahead. Specific waterways suitable for this classification are yet to be arrived at but would likely include some of the 4 currently designated back country fishery waters.

10. NZ COUNCIL REPORT.

Councillor Kroos reported that he was also at Chairs and NZ Council meeting, in addition to Councillors Willis report Councillor Kroos reported that interviews for a new CEO were underway and Fish & Game have been invited on to a steering group to look at the Wildlife Act review which is good for Fish & Game to be in the early stages of this review.

11. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

1164 Salmon Recruitment

C12/05/22

MOVE THAT APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO USE UP TO \$2K FROM THE FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT DEDICATED RESERVE TO PAY FOR NORTH CANTERBURY FISH & GAME COUNCIL'S ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER TIME WHICH WILL BE INCURED DOING SALMON COUNTS IN THE UPPER CLARENCE FOR THIS REGION T Kroos/J Willis CARRIED

1511 Ranging

Councillor Gardiner commended staff on their gamebird ranging at Grovetown lagoons on opening weekend as a very good PR exercise and commented on the good clear signs that have now been erected, the Manager reported 16 hunters were present on the day.

12. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked Councillor Willis for attending the meeting in Wellington on his behalf.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Meeting Dates it was agreed that the secretary would look at the rest of this year's meeting dates to see which ones fall in the school holidays and which ones could be moved to during school holidays in the hope that this would assist Councillor McLeod in attending meetings, the secretary would then email Councillor McLeod with this option for his response.
- 9.2 Promoting the need for a Sports Fishing Licence Councillor Haynes was concerned that a lot of the public are not aware that you need a sports fishing licence to fish for sports fish, general discussion was held. No further action required.
- 9.3 Jet Boats on the Motueka River Councillor Den Doncker expressed concerns about jet boats on the Motueka River and effects jet boats have on other users, the invertebrate life, spawning and possible breaching of the WCO and not abiding by speed limits. Discussion was held and it was suggested that the TDC Harbour Master and the local Jet Boat Association be made aware of the issues as a first step.
- 9.4 Council requested that the Health & Safety Report be moved further up the agenda. **ACTION SECRETARY**

MEETING CLOSED 3.48 pm

Chair O. A Bargent	Dated 19 - 7	2022