FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION

MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT 10AM ON 15 JULY 2024 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.

Present:

Owen Baigent

Chair

Tom Kroos

via Zoom

Bill Cash

Guy Gardiner Carey Cudby Jean Willis

Nev Gane

In Attendance:

Rhys Barrier

Manager

Karen Crook

Secretary

Lawson Davey Jacob Lucas Field Officer Field Officer

Chris Golding

DOC 11.30 am to 1 pm

1. APOLOGIES: Nick King, Steve Holmes, Sebastien Den Doncker, Felix Borenstein, Ian McLeod (for lateness), Darran Kerei-Keepa Ngai Tahu Representative.

C1/07/24

MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED

T Kroos/G Gardiner

CARRIED 2 against

Again, concern was expressed at the number of meetings Councillor Den Doncker has put apologies in for having only attended 2 meetings over this current term.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No urgent business was identified, a late paper from NZ Council on the Ministerial approval of the Anglers Notice and the Licence fees was tabled.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No change to the Annual Agenda:

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

C2/07/24

MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2024 MEETING BE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.

B Cash/G Gardiner

CARRIED

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

It was advised that the Annual Fisheries Report would be out before the start of the new season.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted.

The manager reported that the annual cost of keeping the boat which is mainly subscription fees for the MTOS Seaflux App and boat survey costs was brought up at the last managers meeting where other managers had the same concerns, the new HS & HR National staff member will investigate getting Fish & Game exempted for this highly regulated system and report back at the next managers meeting. It was noted that it would be worthwhile to put Rob Foster through the Powerboat L2 course anyway.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

C3/05/24 MOVE THAT THE MAY AND JUNE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING \$150,346.81 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT G Gardiner/T Kroos CARRIED

The Financial reports was tabled and accepted.

8. DOC LIAISON

Chris Golding was welcomed to the meeting. Chris updated the Council on the relevant topics.

9 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

10. CHAIR REPORT

The chair reported that he had attended the regional chairs monthly meetings, one of the topics discussed was the closure of many forestry roads around the country being closed and that public roads seem to be turning into public easements which means these can be closed without being publicly notified. Both the Nelson Trout Club and NM F&G Region have made submissions to the OneFortyOne FSC process, as this will highlight these road closures to their Board of directors in the hope that the matter can be addressed.

11. NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Kroos expanded on the late correspondence received from NZ Council concerning the Minister's approval of a \$3 licence fee increase but declining the requested \$20 fee increase for the non-resident designated waters day licence, and any more designated waters for the 24/25 fishing season. He also explained

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why the NZ Council requested a fee increase after they had asked regions to endorse a no fee increase this year and requested regions to cut their budgets by 3%. The manager was asked to write to the minister asking him for his rationale for not approving any additional designated waters, as it is a key management tool regions have to manager fisheries.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business.

MEETING CLOSED 12.15 pm.

Chair_	8° Z	Brugerol	Dated_ 23 -	9	2024.