

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** North Canterbury Fish and Game Council  
**From:** Alan Strong  
**Date:** 9 May 2022  
**Subject:** FISH AND GAME BIRD REGULATION SETTING

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Following on from our February governance workshop where we discussed regulation setting in relation to our governance roll as Councillors. It was agreed by council that the function of setting regulations was operational and therefore should be determined by our staff. We employ expert staff to provide Council with scientifically robust advice and review relevant evidence.

Council discussed our Governance roll of setting clear direction for staff to follow, we do this by developing Policy to guide staff in their work. Council would like to develop a transparent process and policy to change regulations. I therefore propose the North Canterbury Council make the following changes to the regulation setting process.

The direction and process to enable our staff to recommend any regulation changes is set out below:

### **1. North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Regulation Setting Policy (Date: May 2022)**

Every two years the regulations effecting all our species are required to be reviewed. This process is set out below. Fishing regulations and Game Bird Hunting regulations will occur in alternate years.

The changes to regulations are required to meet the following criteria:

- Regulations are to ensure our species are harvested sustainably by our licence holders
- Regulations should promote participation by our licence's holders
- Regulations should be consistent with the ethics of Fish and Game New Zealand
- Regulations should be easily understood and clearly enforceable in Court.
- Regulations should be legal consistent with other related New Zealand legislation
- Regulations should ensure all statutory obligations are meet
- Regulations should be consistent with other Fish and Game regions where possible
- Regulations should consider the opinion and impacts of other statutory agency's like, The Department of Conservation (DOC), The ministry for the environment (MFE), Land information New Zealand (LINZ).

## **2. The North Canterbury Fish and Game Process To Be Implemented Before Any Regulation Changes Are Submitted To Council For Consideration Are:**

- Staff are to consult with licence holders about the proposed regulation changes
  - Engage with stakeholder focus groups e.g., The Trout and Salmon Committee, The Game Bird Committee
  - Notify licences holders and stake holders via public notice of the intended regulation review
  - Request written submissions from licences holders regarding any proposed regulation changes
  - Facilitate a public meeting and allow licence holders to speak to their submissions
    - Provide the meeting with the Staff suggested changes for discussion
- Staff are to ensure Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu have an opportunity to contribute to regulation changes.
- Staff to consult where required with other government organisations like:
  - The Department of Conservation (DOC), The ministry for the environment (Mfe), Land information New Zealand (LINZ).
  - Regional and Local Councils
- Staff to provide a written paper to council outlining the recommended changes and the consultation process. Provide evidence that the process and policy have been met.
- Staff to provide the report to council at least one meeting before the regulations are required to be ratified to enable questions from councillors and time for staff responses.

### **Proposed Resolution**

**The North Canterbury Fish and Game Council implements the new Regulation Setting Policy document above dated 9 May 2022.**