North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 16TH October 2013, At the DoC Offices, 32 Nga Mahi Place, Sockburn Commencing at 6.35pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Martin Clements, Peter Robinson, Steve McNeill, Ken Lee, Bruce Kelly, Paul

Farrow

Co-opted Members: Cavan O'Connell (Ngai Tahu), Malcolm Gilbert (Federated Farmers).

Staff: Rod Cullinane, Tony Hawker, Debbie Ambler, Steve Terry, Dirk Barr, Emily

Moore.

In Attendance: Kelvin Wright (Canterbury Lure Fishing), Ron Stuart (NZ Salmon Anglers

Association), Andrew Currie (NZ Council).

2. Apologies: Trevor Isitt, Chris Goom, Brian Smart, Serge Bonnafoux, Garth Free,

Scott Pearson (Staff).

8.b Cr Farrow advised on behalf of Cr Free that the discussion of salmon tagging and Lake Meremere were not noted in the last Council minutes. Cr Clements stated that there was not enough evidence to say there were two types of trout. General discussion followed on the need to have agenda items notified with supporting evidence in the Council papers. Discussion on how the minutes were recorded and circulated followed.

The person "In Attendance" at the last Council meeting was Keith Gibbs.

"That the apologies be accepted".

Moved: Cr Kelly

Seconded: Cr McNeill Carried

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting dated 19th June 2013

"That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: Cr Kelly

Seconded: 5 McNeill Carried

- 4.1 Matters Arising/Action Sheet
- 8.d. Cr McNeill sought clarification on what "Rakaia" account meant. Discussed and resolved.
- 6. Soft scented bait that a note clarifying the rules in the Regulations book under
 Section 1 go out to all fishing stores and that Cr Farrow be briefed by 5 Terry who will then
 follow up on the letter to ensure every store is stating the same to stakeholders.

T Hawker suggested that in the next regulations review, the rule on soft scented bait and where this could be used, be more specific and should be an agenda item prior to the review.

Action Sheet:

Under 17th October No 1 Presentation of Ranger Certificates - R Cullinane to write letter and send certificates to Rangers.

Under New Matters No 2 R Cullinane to manage the process of information and communications sharing between staff and councillors/rangers.

Under 17th April No 2 Delete

5. Public Session

R Stuart (NZ Salmon Anglers Association) spoke to the meeting outlining the following:

- To cease fin clipping young salmon will take to Salmon Management Committee;
- Predator removal from streams will take to Salmon Management Committee;
- Promote the effects of irrigation on silt laden water once some research had been done;
- A programme for Hacketts Creek habitat restoration be taken to Salmon Management Committee;
- That an application was currently with ECAN on the development of a wheelchair platform at Macintoshs. This project would be in two stages; 1. Provide a key for the gate at Ferry Road for wheelchair access and; 2. Look at disabled parking in the same area.

6. Meeting Business

6 a i Whiskey Creek - D Barr spoke to his recommendation to "imprint a Chinook salmon run at Whiskey Creek". Funding for the project would be discussed in an "in-committee" session at the end of the meeting. D Barr stated the recommendations were made on the grounds that the site encompass two raceways and two buildings (one for accommodation and the other for a hatchery shed). There would be a two stage project:

Stage 1. To allow imprinting of 30,000 salmon smolt in December 13 to generate an adult salmon return in April 2015. That the work to get one of two abandoned raceways up and running was minimal using existing timers and feeders from unused raceways at Isaacs. The imprinting process would take one month, with stock being fin clipped prior to release.

Stage 2. To erect the buildings as stated and add a toilet facility.

General discussion followed on the concerns of the current hatcheries and the need to have an air of certainty somewhere which this site could provide. Concern was raised about the money being better allocated to restoration work and that staff could potentially be spreading themselves too thinly between three hatcheries. Cr Farrow stated that local residents were keen to be involved in this project.

"Subject to the financial discussion, Council follow the recommendation as tabled."

Moved: Cr McNeill

Seconded: Cr Kelly Carried

6 a ii Application to Amend the Rakaia Water Conservation Order - Glenthorne Station T Hawker spoke on the background for the application regarding a small scale hydro scheme proposal in four different locations on Glenthorne Station which was within the footprint of the Rakaia Water Conservation Order. He reported the amendment was very specific and narrow enough in scope to allow for small scale hydro activity, that the water take was non

consumptive, only one of the streams applied for had any fishery value but would not affect any spawning areas and the application process had to go through a consenting process, where further conditions could be imposed concerning the effects caused by construction.

"That the Council approve in principal the proposed amendment to the Rakaia Water Conservation Order by Glenthorne Station, as applied, under section 58 of the Environment Canterbury (Temporary Commissioners and Improved Water Management) Act 2010 and section 216 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and that the matter be referred to the NZ Council for endorsement."

Moved: Cr Kelly

Seconded: Cr Robinson Carried

6 a iii Glenaan Station

E Moore gave a presentation about the proposed retirement of land on the Glenaan and Double Hill Stations and on the streams and wetland areas that would be fenced off. E Moore stated that where fencing had occurred, spawning had increased in those areas. R Cullinane congratulated staff on the work carried out to date to get to this stage with the land owners and felt that a site visit by Council early in the new year to look at the habitat catchment of the eastern branch of the Rakaia would be beneficial.

"That subject to the financial discussion at the "in-committee" meeting, that the recommendation be supported as follows;

In order to protect the Upper Rakaia salmon spawning grounds, it is recommended that North Canterbury Fish and Game contribute \$7,500.00 (excl gst) towards the \$37,620.00 fencing project. This project involves fencing the Glenariffe Stream (Double Hill Stream and associated wetlands on Glenaan Station."

Moved: Cr McNeill

Seconded: Cr Kelly Carried

Cr Robinson was asked to bring the NZ Council to Christchurch for a site visit to enable discussion at the NZ Council meeting early in the New Year to be held (as he thought it was North Canterbury's turn to host).

6 b I 2012/13 Salmon Management Report - North Canterbury Region

S Terry gave an overview of the Report. After some discussion on the angler telephone survey it was suggested that another question be added: 'What section of the river were the fish caught in?'

General discussion was held on the need to expand the narration on the Hurunui River. Also to ask anglers to catch and release and that this be used as a potential media release – celebrate the catch and release percentage during the 12-13 season.

"That North Canterbury Fish and Game continue with the peak count salmon monitoring program."

Moved: Cr Kelly

Seconded: Cr McNeill Carried

7 Reports

7 a Chairman's Report

Cr Clements reported he had been keeping in contact with R Cullinane on a weekly basis.

7 b. Staff Report

Fish and Game Hatcheries (1141) - D Barr stated that the 1,000 trout would be fin clipped prior to being released into the Otukaikino because they could then be easily identified when trapped.

Lake Ellesmere Maimai Agreement (1232) - Discussion centred on enhancing the mouth to Lake Ellesmere with consideration being given to diverting the Hanmer Drain into the Irwell River to improve river flow.

Ranger Training (1512) - D Barr to discuss with R Cullinane the requirement for t shirts for rangers over the summer months.

7 c. Financial Report

7 c I and ii Financial Report

R Cullinane reported that the financials for 2012/13 came in under budget and that the 2013/14 budget was achievable. That licences sales for year end were up on the previous year and the Annual Report would be out well in advance of the AGM.

7 d. New Zealand Council Report

Cr Robinson reported on the upcoming changes to the RMA and outlined RMA related events happening in the Hawkes Bay and Eastern regions. He explained that the national RMA budget had now been set. A mandate to start a RMA public awareness campaign in all regions would be requested with Chairman's/Managers from each region write their ideas and how to approach them on the pressing issues that would be discussed at the next NZ Council meeting. Cr Robinson asked North Canterbury to supply recommendations on budgetary processes for the RMA.

7 e. Youth Programme Report

Cr Robinson reported he was pleased with the Youth plan so far and certainly was a case of trial and error. That Fish in Shops was a new concept with Fishermans Loft having a tank instore.

Cr Robinson was asked to write a letter of thanks for sponsorship to Aqua One and Christchurch Hunting and Fishing.

Cr Robinson stated there were enquiries about launching the Youth programme in other regions and that he could co-ordinate this. There was concern on the continued funding from Future Rivers. He stated the young ambassadors were working out fantastically.

7 f. Building Update

R Cullinane reported the Christchurch City Council had showed the building sub committee members seven likely properties, but nothing was suitable. He reported that they were about to have another meeting with CERA to hopefully further this predicament.

7 g. Portfolio Reports

Media - Cr Farrow advised he had been away and nothing had been done in the intervening period. **Relocation** - Cr Goom was absent for this meeting.

Water Fowl - Cr Smart was absent for this meeting.

Salmon Trout - Cr McNeill reported that a sub-committee was yet to be held due to timing issues.

Ranging - Cr Isitt was absent for this meeting. D Barr reported that a pre-season ranging meeting had been held with co-ordinated events being arranged for October. That the kit fit out for rangers was nearly complete. C Chapman had resigned. D Barr stated the number of gamebird rangers compared to fishing rangers was disproportionate and needed to be addressed.

8. General Business

It was advised the Annual General Meeting was to be held as follows:
Wednesday 18th December 2013
Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall
57 Riccarton Avenue
Riccarton
Commencing at 6.30pm
Followed by the December Council meeting.

In Committee - Cr Clements announced that there being no further business this section of the meeting open to the public closed at 10.00 and as per Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the Council would go 'In-Committee' and requested non council members and staff to leave the meeting.

Chairman:	Dated:

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th December 2013

Venue: Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall

57 Riccarton Avenue

Riccarton

Commencing: At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting