

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: S 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 S 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.

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

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Commencing: At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting