

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 14 December 2016
Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall
57 Riccarton Avenue, Central Christchurch
Commencing at 9.30 pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Trevor Isitt, Malcolm Gilbert, John Cumberpatch, Denis Kelliher, Craig Maylam, Alan Strong, Ron Stuart
Staff: Rod Cullinane, Steve Terry, Debbie Ambler, Dirk Barr, Scott Pearson, Richard Cosgrove
Public: Phillip Musson, Bill Southward

2. Apologies:

Councillors: Ken Lee, Peter Robinson, Bruce Kelly
Staff: Tony Hawker, Ryton Barr, Emily Arthur-Moore

"That the apologies be accepted."

Moved: Cr Maylam

Seconded: Cr Stuart

CARRIED

It was noted that the Ngai Tahu representative to the NCF&G Council was in the process of being appointed.

3. Notification of General Business

Nil

4. Health and Safety Update

Nil

5a. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

"That the minutes from 16th October 2016 be accepted."

Moved: Cr Maylam

Seconded: Cr Isitt

CARRIED

5b. Matters Arising

Presentation of the Ian "Mac" McCrory Trophy - Cr Stuart to ask J McCrory to present the Trophy to D Denton at the February 2017 meeting.

1. Field Visit to CPW – To be arranged for early 2017. (S Pearson)
2. Working with Nature Awards – publicity to arrange as soon as possible. (R Cosgrove)

ECAN Councillors / NCF&G Councillors meeting to be arranged for February 2017. (D Ambler)

McIntosh fishing area to be added to Action Sheet. (D Ambler)

Items to be taken off the Action Sheet

20th April 2016 – No 2 Working with Nature Awards

7. Meeting Business

7a i Printing of Gamebird Regulations 2017 – A Gamebird Advisory Committee meeting be convened mid January 2017 to discuss 2017 Gamebird Regulation changes as necessary. Recommendations from Advisory Committee / Staff would then be circulated to Councillors via email for consideration before submitting to NZC. D Barr to co-ordinate and check to see if Cr Maylam was on the Gamebird Advisory Committee database.

7a ii Hunting Claim Stands

D Ambler to advise NZC of the following outcomes after Council discussion:

a.	No one (outside of Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game region) under the age of 16 is entitled to claim a hunting stand. In the Auckland/Waikato region no one under the age of 18 can claim a hunting stand.	Yes
b.	The wording of Wildlife Regulations 9 b. be added to the information on the tag - <i>no person shall claim more than one stand.</i>	Yes
c.	As an interim step, hunters when completing online licence applications can opt out of receiving plastic licences and plastic stand claim tags, accepting just the receipt or digital licence version.	No
d.	Longer term (in two-three seasons time) make provision for just one tag per licence – the digital tag.	Yes
e.	A digital hunting claim tag to be made available for printing with hunters encouraged to 'mark-up' a stand utilising the printed tag.	No
f.	Make writing the name of the claimant and the number of their licence, as was once the practice, an acceptable peg claim method.	No

7b I Introduction to Fishing Day

Cr Isitt stated the Fresh Waters Programme was proposing to hold an 'Introduction to Fishing' day at the Groynes Lakes in February 2017 and that this event be seen as an extension of the 'Fish in Schools' programme. Discussion focused on not encroaching on the TAKF event, that the RRFP and NZSAA fishing competitions were also held in February. That an invitation to be extended to potential sponsors to assist in supporting the day.

“That North Canterbury Fish and Game Council supports an Introduction to Fishing Day at the Groynes Lakes on Sunday 12th March 2017 from 9am - noon”.

Moved: Cr Cumberpatch

Seconded: Cr Stuart

CARRIED

8. Reports

8a. Chairman’s Report – Cr Isitt stated he had been working with R Cullinane across a number of areas including the new building as well as actively involved with sponsorship for the Fresh Waters programme and with Compliance activity in the region.

8b. Staff Report

1411 – Statutory Liaison – The Council was asked to give ideas on potential projects that could be undertaken when applying to the Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Fund. Some suggestions were enhancement of the Rakaia hatcheries or Lake Coleridge fishing experience; streamside monitoring work; boat ramp at intake; food for hatchery. Any ideas to be given to S Pearson.

8d. NZC Report

Points noted by J Cumberpatch were; the purchase by NZC of the Fishing Magazine; a paper going to the Conservation Minister from NZC on the lead shot issue; that Cr Cumberpatch had been appointed to the Finance Review Committee; that the process was underway to employ a new CEO for Fish and Game.

After a brief discussion on fish screens it was suggested that a brief statement be put in the weekly Fishing report relating to this subject.

9 General Business

9a. Toilets at Lake Coleridge – it was reported that following discussion with F&G staff, the new Selwyn District Mayor was very keen to support toilets at the Coleridge Lakes area. Staff will arrange a further meeting in the New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40pm.

Chairman: _____ **Date:** _____

Next Meeting –

15TH February 2017

Department of Conservation Office, 31 Nga Mahi Road, Sockburn

From 6pm for light refreshments for 6.30pm start