

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NCFG COUNCIL MEETING



At the **North Canterbury Fish & Game Council Meeting** on **22 Feb 2024** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Thursday, 7 December 2023
Time:	3:20 pm to 5:20 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), CHRIS BRANKIN, DAVE BARRON, DAVE COLL, GRAEME NAHKIES, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TEHAU ANGLEM, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Guests/Notes:	Staff - R Cosgrove, M Garrick

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

1.2 Karakia

1.3 Interests Register

1.4 Council Discussion on Issues and Risks That May Require Council Attention

Items for General Business signalled by Councillors;

1. Fishing Competitions Rules / Policy
2. Discussion on the newly created Minister for Hunting & Fishing position
3. Freshwater Improvement Fund Project



February 24 Workshop - Agenda Items

Agenda Items for February 24 Workshop

1. Consider proposal for new licence fee category for first time family licence holders
2. Review governance expertise
3. Fishing Competitions Approvals - Policy draft

Due Date: 17 Feb 2024
Owner: ALAN STRONG

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 2023 NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME PERFORMANCE REPORT

Cr Stong apologised that the Statement of Service Performance was in draft only as still working through the process.

Points to note;

1. Depreciation requires to be budgeted for
2. An Asset Replacement Funding lines needs to be added
3. Of the \$122,400 deficit, \$49,000 was approved from Reserves, approximately \$31,000 was required to be capitalised and the balance was explained for Council approved spending, unbudgeted repairs to the jet boat and aviation fuel increases for fish and game bird monitoring flights.



Draft Statement of Service Performance

That the 2023 Statement of Service Performance be accepted to provide to the Annual General Meeting in draft form.

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconded: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.2 FISHING COMPETITIONS 2024

Fishing Competitions Policy draft to be discussed at February 2024 Workshop.



Fishing Competition Approvals

That the following competitions be approved

1. NZSAA Waimakariri Fishing Competition (16 March 2024)
2. RRFPP Rakaia River Salmon Fishing Competition (23-25 March 2024)
3. Richmond Club South Island Trout Fishing Competition (22-23 March 2024)

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconded: DAVE BARRON
Outcome: Approved

2.3 2024 GAMEBIRD REGULATIONS

The current procedure for regulations changes requires to be reviewed due to the recent lack of stakeholder engagement. Noted that social media gained more traction than other media platforms used. A good communication process on educating stakeholders around the perceptions of game bird bag limits was required. The question on the frequency of the game bird regulation changes being reviewed bi-annually rather than annually was asked.



Game Bird Regulations Review - Staff Recommendations

That Council approve the staff recommendation for changes to the game bird regulations as follows;

1. Reduce the opening weekend greylard duck (being a mallard or grey duck or any hybrid of those species) daily bag limit to 15

2. Reduce regular season paradise shelduck daily bag limit to 15
3. Reduce summer season paradise shelduck daily bag limit to 10
4. Increase chukar daily bag limit from 0 to 2.

Councillors R O'Keefe, D Barron and P Musson against

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: KEN LLOYD
Outcome: Approved



2024 Game Season Dates

That the dates below are accepted for the 2024 Game Notice:

Species	Season Duration	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
Grey, mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May to 28 July	15	All Areas
	1 to 2 and 8 to 9 Feb 2025	10	Area B, Only over agricultural grain crops and green feed paddocks and more than 200 metres from any water body
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 28 July	2	All Areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 28 July	15	All Areas
	1 Feb to 8 March 2025	10	All Areas and only more than 200 metres from any water body
Pukeko	4 May to 25 August	5	All Areas
Black Swan	4 May to 28 July	2	All Areas
California Quail	4 May to 25 August	10	All Areas
Cock Pheasant	1 to 3 June, 6 to 7 July, and 3 to 4 August	1	All Areas
Chukar	4 May to 25 August	2	All Areas

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN
Outcome: Approved

2.4 CREATION OF A DEDICATED RESERVE FOR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PURPOSES

The allocation of prosecution income towards habitat enhancement and protection would increase Fish and Game's social licence and reach habitat protection goals. This account would allow for discretionary funding from NCFG staff toward habitat work including planting, wetland restoration/creation projects, habitat contract work, stream restoration, etc. Staff would recommend projects/expenditures toward the Chief Executive for approval to deliver on Council priorities. Expenditures and income for this account would be reported on annually to demonstrate progress on Council priorities



Creation of a Dedicated Reserve for habitat enhancement purposes

That a Dedicated Reserve for habitat enhancement purposes be opened for income acquired through the completion of enforcement activities. The balance of current prosecution income will be transferred to this account.

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Confirm Minutes Dated 20 September 2023

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting 20 Sept 2023, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Minutes from Council Meeting dated 20 September 23

That the minutes from the Council meeting dated 20 September 2023 be approved.

Decision Date: 7 Dec 2023
Mover: DAVE BARRON
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

3.2 General Business

- Freshwater Improvement Fund Project** - C Brankin outlined that two main pieces for work that would be required to be carried out - i). agreement between the landowner and the Ministry for the Environment to build a new bridge on the landowners land - ii). working on a draft covenant with QEII National Trust that comes with separate funding and a resource consent to re-divert the Glenariffe Stream. A further update would be provided at February 2024 Council meeting.
- The Development of Policy Around Fishing Competitions** - A draft policy proposal to be made available at February 24 Council meeting.
- Planning Day - February 2024** - Cr Isitt expressed concern at the state of the North Canterbury [trout] fishery with the health of [lowland] streams being a real issue. Cr Strong stated the focus of the February planning workshop would be on the regions trout fishery resources.



Policy on Fishing Competition Approvals

That a draft policy on Fishing Competition Approvals be developed for the Council February 2024 workshop and meeting.

Due Date: 22 Feb 2024
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON



Planning Day Agenda Item

Agenda Item - State of the North Canterbury fishery and streams.

Due Date: 1 Feb 2024
Owner: ALAN STRONG

4. PUBLIC SESSION

4.1 Public Session

5. GOVERNANCE & STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reports from Governance & Staff

All Reports taken as read.

6. FOR INFORMATION STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Reports for Information

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____