

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT, HOKITIKA AT 7:00P.M.**

Meeting commenced at 7pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris, Rob Roney, Owen Smith, Dave Heine, Sam Speight, Peter Bayliss, Dean Phibbs.

Via Microsoft Teams: Ritchie White.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Manager), Baylee Kersten (Field Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** Jan Derks, Tim Shaw.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Jan Derks and Time Shaw be accepted.**

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

**AGENDA**

The Manager proposed to remove items 12 and 13 from the Agenda as they had been completed at the last meeting.

Rob Roney asked to add an item regarding stream disturbance at La Fontaine Creek.

Both amendments were accepted.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public in attendance.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No councillors declared any conflicts of interest with the Agenda items.

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

The Council reviewed the list and noted that no changes were required at this time.

**MINUTES**

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Proposer:** D Heine **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Council received and considered the correspondence regarding:

**Remuneration Policy Confirmation – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the correspondence be received.**

**Proposer:** R Roney **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Draft Code of Conduct – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the Council endorses the policy as presented and supported by staff and Management.

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Conflict of Interest Policy – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the draft conflict of Interest policy be received and be reviewed for inclusion in the Council's Governance Polices.

**Proposer:** R Roney **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Future Structure Working Group TOR – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the TOR be received.

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Meeting and Budget Schedule – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the Meeting and Budget schedule be received.

**Proposer:** P Bayliss **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Wildlife Act Update – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the update be received with the West Coast Fish and Game Council taking the opportunity to remind the NZ Council that sustainable harvest of indigenous species is desirable, not just their protection as prescribed in the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point of the 'What is Fish and Game calling for' section.

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** D Phibbs **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Federated Farmers Claims – NZ Council**

**Motion proposed:** That the paper be received.

**Proposer:** A Harris **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

#### **Canal Economic Study – Central South Island Fish & Game**

**Motion proposed:** That the Council receives the paper and notes the benefit of outcome 3 will be useful for staff dealing with RMA issues.

**Proposer:** R Roney **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

## **Cost Optimisation – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the Council agrees to grant Gary Crawford access to regional financial statements for the purpose of his review.**

**Proposer:** A Harris **Seconder:** D Phibbs **Outcome:** Carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Reports.

Motion proposed: **That the Financial reports be received.**

**Proposer:** D Phibbs **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

## **OPERATIONAL REPORT**

The Council received and reviewed the Manager's operational report.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Report be received, and that the Council approves utilisation of up to \$10,000 from the Habitat Protection & Management Reserve for legal costs arising from submissions to the Tai Poutini Plan. The Council also took the opportunity to commend staff on a challenging and successful fishing prosecution.**

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

## **INTERIM TROUT FISHERIES REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the interim report be received, and the recommendations be adopted.**

**Proposer:** D Phibbs **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

The Council received and reviewed the Health and Safety Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

**Proposer:** R Roney **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

## **NZ COUNCIL REPORT**

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council report be received.**

**Proposer:** S Speight **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

## **LA FONTAINE RIVER**

Councillor Roney initiated a discussion about river works undertaken at La Fontaine that is causing water quality issues. The Manager will contact the regional Council for further information.

Meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Chair.....*A. B. Harris*..... Date.....*5/12/23*.....