

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2024 AT FISH AND GAME WEST COAST OFFICE, HOKITIKA AT 7:00 P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Jan Derks, Dean Phibbs, Pete Bayliss, Sam Speight, Owen Smith, Rob Roney, William Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Kelly (Manager), Helen Cate (Office Manager), Baylee Kersten (Field Officer), Tim Shaw (DoC).

APOLOGIES: Martin Taylor, Dave Heine, Ritchie White.

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Martin Taylor, Dave Heine and Ritchie White be accepted.**

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** O Smith **Outcome:** Carried

AGENDA

The Council agreed to add the two late responses from fishing guides to Agenda Item 13: 2024/25 Sportsfish Regulations.

The Council agreed to hold a brief workshop after the meeting for Councillor succession.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public in attendance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared at this meeting.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council received and considered the correspondence from the NZC regarding:

Future Finance report:

Dean Phibbs gave an overview of the working group that prepared this report, its deliberations, and recommendations.

Motion proposed: **That the Council write to the NZ Council thanking them for the FFWG report and state that the West Coast Fish and Game Council approves the direction of the report and is keen to see it progress further.**

Proposer: R Roney **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

Future Structure report

The Council discussed the report.

Motion proposed: **That the report be received, and that the Council responds that “while the Council is supportive of the report as an initial discussion document, it lacks some detail and further clarity of the recommendations is required before the Council could support the recommendations it contains”.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** S Speight **Outcome:** Carried

West Coast sports fish and game management plan support letter to Minister

Motion proposed: **That the Council thanks the NZ Council CEO for supporting the West Coast region’s Sports Fish and Game Management Plan and its submission to the Minister.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

Elections information paper.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report. Dean Phibbs initiated a discussion regarding resourcing field operations.

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

Proposer: D Phibbs **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Manager’s operational report. There was discussion regarding compliance, access and media communications.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

TROUT SURVEY REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Trout Survey report for 2023-24 season.

Motion proposed: **That the Council receives the report and adopts the recommendations.**

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

LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION TO MINISTER

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast region endorses the recommendation from the workshop of Tuesday 28 May supporting all aspects of the Licence Fee recommendations from the NZ Council.**

Proposer: S Speight **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

2024-25 SPORTSFISH REGULATIONS

The Council received and reviewed the report regarding Designated Waters and the recommendations being made to the minister.

Motion proposed: **That the Council has received consultation feedback on its designated waters proposal, considered this and remains committed to implementing the designated waters additions as originally proposed as a means to preserve/promote positive resident angler experience and that of non-residents and spread the load on the regional resource.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** R Roney **Outcome:** Carried

ANNUAL WORKPLAN

The Council received and reviewed the Operational Workplan for the 2024-25 Financial year.

Motion proposed: **That the Council adopts the Workplan for 2024-25 with a one-off amendment to the Liberations and Enhancement Priorities being, a one-off kick start to the Taramakau and Hokitika Rivers with salmon due to the increased stock availability and accrued budget when not being able to execute liberations in Lake Ianthe over the past two years.**

Proposer: D Phibbs **Seconder:** O Smith **Outcome:** Carried

COUNCILOR SERVICE RECOGNITION POLICY

The Council reviewed the policy as per schedule.

Motion proposed: **That the Council reviewed and endorses the policy as it stands.**

Proposer: A Harris **Seconder:** J Derks **Outcome:** Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

NZ Council received and reviewed the NZ Chair update to Councillors.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chair.....*J. B. Harris*..... Date.....*8/10/24*.....