

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 OCTOBER 2024 AT FISH AND GAME OFFICE, HOKITIKA AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Andy Harris, Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Owen Smith, Dave Heine, Sam Speight, Peter Bayliss, Dean Phibbs, William Wilson.

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

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apology from Ritchie White be accepted.**

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

AGENDA

At the request of the Manager the Council agreed to add a public excluded session after Item 12 to consider staff performance and remuneration.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public in attendance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

The Council reviewed the Accumulative Actions list and agreed to complete the Manager's performance review before the end of the current Council term ending on October 30.

Motion proposed: **That the Accumulative Actions list be received and updated.**

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

MINUTES

The Chair called for confirmation of the previous meeting minutes.

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

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council received and considered the following correspondence.

SFGMP Consultation Policy, SFGMP Key elements Policy and SFGMP Policy – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the Council supports in principle the documents AP2 – Policy key elements SFGMP and AP3 Policy to drafting SFGMP. Council can only support document AP1 SFGMP Draft SFGMP Consultation Policy if Steps 4 and 8 are deleted, and if Step 2 is**

revised to not specify key stakeholders, because the Conservation Act clearly defines the consultation process and responsibilities. Council deems Step 4 and 8 requirements to be inconsistent with this, and that listing/specifying stakeholders under Step 2 is unwarranted as is inflexible/limiting on the range of possible stakeholders that may be consulted by individual Councils.

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

Motion proposed: **That the Council communicates to the NZ Council that the process as currently outlined will be costly, time consuming and onerous and requires further consideration.**

Proposer: J Derks **Seconder:** P Bayliss **Outcome:** Carried

Meeting and Budget Consultation – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the feedback regarding the meeting dates is provided after the new West Coast Region Council takes effect.**

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

Response to the Communications Letter from the West Coast – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the response letter be received.**

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

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Council received and reviewed the Financial Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Council approve the transfer of surplus Diversion funds from prosecutions to the Habitat Enhancement Reserve.**

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

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

Proposer: D Phibbs **Seconder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Council received and reviewed the Manager's Operational Report.

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

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

Motion proposed: **That the Game Harvest Survey 2024 Report and staff recommendations it contains be adopted.**

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

Motion proposed: **That the Sportsfishery Research Report be received, and staff recommendations it contains be adopted.**

Proposer: R Roney **Secunder:** J Derks **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: A Harris **Secunder:** D Phibbs **Outcome:** Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

The council received a verbal update from the NZ Council appointee. The Council also received correspondence from the NZ Council CEO regarding the September NZC meeting.

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

Proposer: D Phibbs **Secunder:** D Heine **Outcome:** Carried

9:15pm

Motion proposed: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting: Staff performance and remuneration.**

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

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Consideration of Manager's Performance.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.	Section 48(1)(a)(ii).

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
18.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

9:25pm

Motion proposed: **That the October meeting of the West Coast Fish and Game Council resume.**

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

COUNCILLOR RECOGNITION

Councillor Derks addressed the Council giving thanks to the departing members of the West Coast Fish & Game Council.

Motion proposed: **That the Council thanks the outgoing Councillors that have consistently contributed to meetings of the Council and wishes them the best for the future.**

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

Meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

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