

**NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL  
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD AT THE NORTHLAND FISH & GAME OFFICE  
NELL PLACE, WHANGAREI  
6.30 PM FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Phil Durham

**Councillors:** Kris Batelaan, Mark Bell, Noel Birchall, Chris Lynch, Mike Newson, Cameron Shanks, John Skeates.

**Staff:** Rudi Hoetjes (Manager), Fay Stodart (Administrator)

The Council meeting planned for 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown and the restrictions New Zealand was facing at the time. The council will discuss items from the 27<sup>th</sup> March agenda for this meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors. The Conflict of Interest register was circulated around the table for all councillors to sign and declare any conflicts.

**APOLOGIES:** Russell Daniels, Darryl Reardon, Wayne Pepper, Stefan Seitzer, Ross Atkinson (Department of Conservation)

The Department of Conservation offices are still closed due to Covid-19 and the representative, Ross Atkinson was instructed not to attend the council meeting.

**It was moved:** *That those apologies are accepted.*

*Kris Batelaan/John Skeates*

*CARRIED.*

**Previous Minutes**

**It was resolved:** *That the minutes of the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 are confirmed as true and correct.*

*Mike Newson/Cameron Shanks*

*CARRIED.*

**Matters Arising**

The R3 advertising programme has been delayed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. All Fish & Game regions are accepting the programme in promoting more participants into the sport.

**Governance Councillor Performance Review Evaluations**

Governance Policy 11.3.2 states that “*The Council shall every 12 months carry out a review of its performance*” *The Council’s Performance Evaluation Review is on an annual basis which will be held at the first meeting of each calendar year.*

The summary of the 2019-2020 Council’s performance evaluation was circulated to all councillors and there was no discussion.





and it is up to KDC to take legal action to stop Fish & Game releasing trout into the lakes. The councillors discussed the releasing of trout with no approval.

**It was moved:** *That the manager and the chairman meet with the Mayor of Kaipara District Council to discuss the trout liberations into the Kai Iwi Lakes.*

*Chris Lynch/Cameron Shanks* *CARRIED.*

### **NZFG Updates**

Councillor Birchall has attended many Zoom teleconferences during the Covid-19 lockdown. All minutes and videos of these meetings are recorded on the Fish & Game website. Councillor Birchall gave a brief update on the following:

- Change of Chairman. Paul Shortis is now the NZ Council Chairman
- Strategic finance committee is set up to review resources for all regions
- Projections of possible income with no non-residents licence sales due to the borders being closed
- A possible 25% decline in game bird licence sales experienced by all regions
- Most contestable funding applications have been deferred
- All regions were asked to cut 5% in their 2020-2021 budget
- No regions to drop under 20% in their reserves
- New election for the Executive Committee. The committee consists of Bill O'Leary, Noel Birchall, Dan Isbister and the Chairman, Paul Shortis

The Chairman thanked and acknowledged Noel for attending these meetings by Zoom and for all the work he has done on the licencing committee.

### **Licence System and Business Admin Agreement**

The licencing subcommittee has developed a new licence system contract with all of the 12 Fish & Game regions, the NZ Fish & Game and Eyede. All regions were asked to review and sign the contract.

**It was moved:** *That the Council adopts the new Licence and Business Admin Agreement and supports any amendments from other regions.*

*Chris Lynch/John Skeates* *CARRIED.*

### **Draft Communications Strategy recommendations**

The council considered the draft communications strategy plan and decided that the plan needed a review clause.

**It was moved:** *That the Northland Fish & Game Council approves the Draft Communications Strategy Plan with a review clause after 12 months.*

*Mike Newson/Mark Bell* *CARRIED.*



**General Business**

The council currently owns two tandem trailers and the Council had indicated several months earlier to sell one of the trailers. The manager asked the council whether he could purchase one of these tandem trailers for his personal use. The manager obtained a written valuation from Turners Car Auction with a current value of \$2,000 including GST, less auction and administration fees. The manager offered \$2,200 to purchase the trailer. This trailer will still be available for Fish & Game's use for field work.

**It was moved:**        *The Council accepts the manager's offer of \$2,200 to purchase the tandem trailer.*

The manager informed the council of a \$1.1 billion investment by the government to create 11,000 environment jobs and there may be an opportunity for Northland Fish & Game to create more wetlands. The council agreed that the manager pursue this prospect.

The chairman wished Barbara, the manager's wife a speedy recovery and advised him to take leave when needed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm.



***Phil Durham***  
***Chairman***