

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11 April 2018

At 595 Johns Road, Harewood

Commencing at 7.00pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Trevor Isitt (Chair), John Cumberpatch, Peter Robinson, Chris Brankin, Ron Stuart, Phillip Musson, Alan Strong, Denis Kelliher, Ken Lee, Charles Smith

Staff: Rod Cullinane, Debbie Ambler

2. Apologies:

Councillors: Malcolm Gilbert, Bruce Kelly

Staff: Other staff were not included in this meeting

a. The Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust - Its structure and Decision Rights.

R Cullinane explained the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust (WWHT) was developed to take advantage of funding opportunities in 2012 for environmental and educational purposes and was granted charitable status. The pilot programme called Youth and Family was launched by NCF&G and NZC, but struggled to receive any internal financial funding. As this Programme was not set up as a charitable trust, donations were hard to obtain under the F&G umbrella.

The WWHT was then revamped to run as a separate entity from NCF&G and was granted charitable status. Four Trustees from outside F&G were appointed, with the Chairman of NCF&G being appointed Chairman of the WWHT. This move made it easier for sponsors to come on board and has allowed a number of other projects to fall under this umbrella where sponsorship was required e.g. Snake Creek restoration.

NCF&G provide indirect funding with fish stocks and the use of a pool vehicle. The benefit the WWHT provides NCF&G is a raised profile through the projects that run through the Trust.

Discussion then centred on the Winnemem Wintu project and how this would be run through the WWHT.

It was decided that the discussion on any financial support for the Fresh Waters programme be held over until the next Council meeting so further financial information could be obtained to be able to make a more informed decision.

b. Strategic Priority Meeting – Discussion and Agreement

A Strategic Planning meeting was held for Councillors and staff to consider NCF&G priorities over the next three years;

General discussion raised the following points;

- current problem was NCF&G only monitor, but needed the data/science to move forward;
- currently run a budget to monitor but have no budget for improvement;
- diagnose the problems with the fishery, then set action plan in motion to improve, fix and or restore;
- have a target to work towards e.g. restore fish stocks to levels of 2005, by X time;
- there are currently substantial costs associated with running the hatcheries from the NCF&G budget;
- re-prioritise what is currently being done that does not help with the outcomes over the next three years;
- in the first year of a three year plan, diagnose then report on problems; second and third years, implement and adapt outcomes where need be;
- ensure stakeholders are informed and kept up to date on progress of the three year plan e.g. what has been done and what we are going to do.

” That the NCF&G Council agree that the priority outcomes for the next three yers (2018/19-2020/21) are;

- 1. Restoration of the sea run salmon fishery;**
- 2. Restoration of the trout fishery**
- 3. Habitat recovery and protection, including gamebirds.**

That this recommendation be presented to the next Council meeting for full Council support”.

Moved: Cr Stuart

Seconded: Cr Lee

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c. Proposal for Funding Fish In Schools Programme.

The meeting went into a Public Excluded Session at 9.00pm

The meeting came out of Public Excluded Session at 9.25pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30.pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____