

# HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE GAME FARM ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 6.00 PM

### PRESENT:

Messrs: Bates, (Chair), Bowcock, Elstone, Hickmott, Niblett, Lumsden, Pinker and MacKay.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Friedlander (F&GNZ, Manager) and Tuck (F&GNZ).

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Perfect and Red Hooper

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed staff, councillors and the general public; he opened the meeting at 6.00pm advising the meeting would be recorded.

#### 2.0 APOLOGIES

Cr's. Duley, Hern, Nimon and Williams.

**AGREED**

*2.1 The apologies for the meeting held on 27th June 2019 be accepted. (19/04/2.1)*

*Lumsden/ Hickmott*

#### 3.0 FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

- No notifications for general business

#### 4.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The conflict of register was passed around for signatures and councillors to note any conflicts with the listed June agenda items. John Lumsden tabled a potential COI – employed by winery with water take. No other conflict of interest was tabled.

#### 5.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**AGREED**

*5.1 That having been previously circulated to members, the minutes of the meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council held on 16 April 2019 are a true and correct record. (19/6/5.1)*

*Lumsden/Hickmott*

## **6.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

Cr Lumsden enquired of the current status of Pheasant Preserves, he noted notification was to be received at the beginning of June. Mr Friedlander informed Council notification from NZ Fish & Game Council was to be made directly to Preserve owners.

Cr Elstone enquired if staff had received further information on the Hawkes Bay shooting restriction and no shooting areas. Mr Friedlander would follow up with the Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

## **8.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2019 – 2020 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN.**

Mr Friedlander informed council no changes had been made to the operational work plan from the last meeting, he proposed adding a budget of \$50.00 petrol voucher per ranger as a thank you for their volunteer work. An additional \$500.00 to the budget.

Council agreed to adding \$500.00 to the ranging budget and instructed the manager to develop a ranger gifting policy, detailing criteria of number of contacts etc to be eligible for the petrol voucher to be presented at the August meeting and the final sign off the Operational Work Plan.

Cr Niblett enquired whether the customer satisfaction survey was going to be completed this year. Mr Friedlander informed council this had been discussed at the Public Awareness Meeting held in Christchurch – May 2019, it had been proposed by Steve Doughty to carry out a customer survey at a National level.

## **9.0 2019-2020 LICENCE FEES.**

The Chairman informed councillors' correspondence had been received from NZ Council, they had considered feedback received over the setting of the 2019 licence fees and shared the preference for confirming dates to set licence fees in 2020 and beyond. To allow councils and the NZ Council to complete this cycle through public meetings and meet timeframes, it would require regional Fish & Game Councils to fix its June meeting in the middle two weeks and have responses back to NZ Council in the third week of June.

The Chairman referred to the email sent by Martin Taylor informing staff and councillors of NZ Council decision to establish three new sub-committees being Financial Strategic, Remuneration Policy and Licensing for the broader strategic projects that are critical to the overall organisation.

He requested staff forwarded these emails onto councillors to read.

The regional Fish & Game Councils would be invited to nominate subcommittee members. Mr Friedlander informed council regional managers consensus was to maintain a high-level staff input.

### **AGREED**

***9.1 That Council agrees to the 2019-2020 season adult whole season sports fish licence fee of \$133 and adult whole season game licence fee of \$98 (inclusive of a \$4 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) inclusive of GST. (19/6/9.1)***

*Elstone/Mackay*

***9.2 That Council agrees to the adult non – resident whole season fishing licence of \$180, with all the other non-resident licence prices staying the same. (19/6/9.2)***

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## **10.0 2019 – 2020 ANGLERS NOTICE.**

Council agreed to keeping with the standardised formatting of Schedule Two of the Sports Fishing Regulations Booklet and leaving the formatting of the slotting size status quo.

Cr Hickmott enquired whether the recommendation of not using treble hooks was to be included under the Hawkes Bay section. Mr Friedlander referred to the circulated email received from Robert Sowman advising the correct procedure would be to encourage other regions to agree. Jesse advised staff would include this recommendation in the next edition of the Hawkes Bay Fishing Newsletter.

Red Hooper enquired when the results of the electric fishing monitoring in the upper Tukituki Catchment would be released. Mr Friedlander advised a report would be release once staff have enough data to make comparisons.

*10.1 That Council approves the Anglers Notice for the 2019 – 2020 year. (19/6/10.1)*

*Lumsden/Pinker*

## **11.0 NATIONAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICE POLICY.**

Jesse informed council, staff supported the National Infringement Notice Policy.

Cr Elstone enquired who was the delegated Hawkes Bay Compliance Coordinator.

Mr Friedlander informed council as Hawkes Bay had a small team, his duties included both ranger and coordinator with additional support from Anthony van Dorp. (Eastern & National Compliance Coordinator).

Staff confirmed with council, HBFG had a secured gun safe and engaged Elvidge & Partners services for any prosecution matters, any diversion costs recovered was allocated to a dedicated fund prior to the case going to court.

**AGREED**

*11.1 That Council accepts the draft national policy developed under 26HA (1) of the Conservation Act. (19/4/10.1)*

*Lumsden/Niblett*

## **12. NATIONAL POLICY ON PROSECUTIONS.**

Council thanked NZ Council for compiling the National Policy.

**AGREED**

*12.1 That Council agreed to accept the National Policy on Prosecutions. (19/6/12.1)*

*Bowcock/Lumsden*

## **13. LIASION OFFICERS REPORTS**

T.K - East Coast/Hawkes Bay Conservation Board tabled his apology.

Cr Williams – NZ Council Appointee had tabled his apology.

No discussion on the NZ Council meeting.

Council instructed the Chair to write to NZ Council requesting agendas and minutes from their meetings be posted on the National website.

## **14.0 REPORTS**

### **14.1 Management Report**

Cr Niblett advised he had received phone calls from licence holders reporting confusion on the relevance of the Gamebird Harvest survey questions. Staff acknowledged the surveyors didn't understand the background of the regulations when canvassing and this would be reviewed before next season.

Mr Friedlander informed council Peter Wilson continued to follow up progress of the 10 year Sports Fish & Game Management Plan with the Department of Conservation Planners in Hamilton.

Jesse updated council advising Fish & Game on the advice of Peter Wilson had stood by Ngati Kahungunu who have concerns over the consultation process on the proposed Tank plan change.

No further progress has been made with securing hunter ballots blocks. Council requested staff look at other options such as Willow Flats and Matariki.

Jesse informed council Hayden Durrant from The Garden Depot, Hastings had donated over 500 plants for the regions Habitat restoration projects. The Department of Corrections workers continued to work weekly in the shade house repotting plants for wetlands on local farms.

### **14.2 Health & Safety Report**

#### **AGREED**

*14.2 That the council receives and accepted the Health & Safety Report. (19/06/14.2).*

*Lumsden/Niblett*

### **14.3 Finance Report**

Cr Hickmott enquired why the Junior Hunt Sponsorship (income \$696) was not a budgeted item, staff advised Beretta had come back on board with Sponsorship for the Junior Hunt held September 2018.

#### **AGREED**

*14.3 That the council receives and approves the payments totalling \$91,334.80 for March 2019 and \$41,293.00 for April 2019. (19/06/14.3).*

*Niblett/Elstone*

*14.4 That the council accepts the finance report. (19/06/14.4).*

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### **14.5 Licence Report**

Council thanked staff for the promotional work carried out with promoting the Gamebird Harvest Festival and supporting the Hawkes Bay's licence agents.

**AGREED**

*14.5 That the council receives the licence reports. (19/06/14.5). Bowcock/Lumsden*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Red Hooper enquired what work had been done on beach raking and gravel extraction. Mr Friedlander advised Council that staff had considered this when preparing the Operational Work Plan on how to fund the research of actual effects on beach raking.

Council requested staff add to the August Agenda managers Review.

Staff enquired if council wanted to include Evaluation of the Councillors at the August Meeting.

Agreed to include in the next agenda pending the Hawkes Bay Audit.

**15.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

**Time: 7.19pm**

**AGREED**

*15.1 That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely to discuss the HB Audit and governance matters. (19/06/15.1)  
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Lumsden/Mackay*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 PM.

**CONFIRMED**



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**CHAIRMAN**

20-8-19

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