

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 17 October 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Present: S Bannister M Hall
P Centofanti D Isbister
S Gerard L Koevoet
B Growcott A Simpson (Chair)
J Henry (Ngai Tahu)

In Attendance:

F&G Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator).

Members of the Public: 7

19-072 APOLOGIES:

A Brooks, C Fulton, C McKenzie.

Resolved (Hall/Bannister)

19-065

THAT THE APOLOGIES OF A BROOKS, C FULTON AND C MCKENZIE BE ACCEPTED.

19-073 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairperson queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register? None were advised.

19-074 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency.

19-075 NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:

075.1 L Koevoet advised he wished to raise an issue from the 1st meeting of this Fish and Game Council. Chair advised that it was not notified so could not accept it as an item. L Koevoet requested that his objection to this decision be noted.

075.2 Receive Audit Report.

075.3 Salmon Enhancement Workshop.

075.4 Performance Review for CE (to be taken in Public Excluded).

19-076 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 15 AUGUST 2019:

Council **AGREED** that on page 779 of the Minutes, under Item number 070.1 - Lower Ahuriri River the words be changed to read 'for continuation of days' which replaces the words 'additional days.'

Resolved (Hall/Koevoet)

19-066

THAT WITH THE ABOVE ADJUSTMENT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 AUGUST 2019 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

19-077 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

077.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

19-067

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$342,202.70 AND \$61,894.88, RESPECTIVELY.

19-078 DOC LIAISON:

Chair welcomed DoC representatives Duncan Toogood (Operations Manager, Geraldine) and Brad Edwards (DoC Ranger) to the meeting. B Edwards explained there was a new project on the Rangitata River as part of a DoC programme to restore 14 river catchments from the mountains to the sea, particularly braided rivers. Their intention is to collaborate with stakeholders, including CSI Fish and Game. Chair thanked D Toogood and B Edwards for their attendance and welcomes their continuing presence at CSI Fish and Game Council meetings.

19-079 PUBLIC ISSUES FORUM:

079.1 Opuha Water Ltd – Andrew Mockford

Chair welcomed Andrew Mockford and invited him to speak to Opuha Water Ltd's report by NIWA on Lake Stratification and Dissolved Oxygen in Lake Opuha. Andrew Mockford indicated that Opuha Water Ltd was committed to working with the community to address water quality concerns. The company carries out regular water quality testing as a condition of consent. Another condition requires the company to monitor dissolved oxygen levels and start an aeration system if dissolved oxygen gets to reduced levels.

Opihi River and Lake Opuha

Barry Stone and Alan Davidson addressed Council on their concerns related to the Opihi River and possible toxins in fish at Lake Opuha. Chair explained he had written a letter to MPI on behalf of anglers requesting that MPI look into the matter. He re-iterated that testing of trout for food safety is not CSI Fish and Game's role. It is the role of the Food Safety Division of MPI and re-assured anglers that CSI Fish and Game will support MPI if they choose to do further testing of trout.

RSIL Salmon Spawning Race

P de Joux addressed Council on his concern at the state of the spawning race at RSIL and felt there was not enough water to attract salmon. Chief Executive responded he would look into the issue.

Various Topics

J de Wit addressed Council on the report by NIWA related to Opuha Water Ltd noting he wished to see more monitoring undertaken. He congratulated CSI's CE and staff on the monitoring being undertaken on the Hakataramea River for when consents come up for renewal.

Chair thanked the public for their attendance.

19-080 CHAIR'S REPORT:

080.1 Governance Policy (9.1)

Chair presented for approval the draft Governance Policy that incorporated suggestions by Councillors at the August meeting.

Resolved (Centofanti/Hall)

19-068

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL ADOPTS THE GOVERNANCE POLICY PROVIDED TO THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.

080.2 Risk Management Policy – Appendix A (9.2)

Resolved (Hall/Koevoet)

19-069

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL ADOPTS THE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY PROVIDED TO THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AND ADOPTS IT AS APPENDIX A OF THE GOVERNANCE POLICY.

080.3 Communications Policy – Appendix C (9.5)

Resolved (Isbister/Centofanti) A Simpson abstained

19-070

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMS THE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY PROVIDED TO THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AND ADOPTS IT AS APPENDIX C OF THE GOVERNANCE POLICY.

S Bannister and M Hall noted that the policy could be improved by re-framing a small part of it to establish an overarching aim for Council. Chair advised he was happy for suggestions or amendments to the policy to be presented to a future Council meeting for consideration.

080.4 Sensitive Expenditures Policy – Appendix E (9.4)

Resolved (Isbister/Bannister)

19-071

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMS THE SENSITIVE EXPENDITURES POLICY PROVIDED TO THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AND ADOPTS IT AS APPENDIX E OF THE GOVERNANCE POLICY.

080.5 Conflicts of Interest Policy

Chair felt this Council needs to show that we are modernising our approach to conflicts of interest for the integrity of the CSI Council. He advised that a Conflicts of Interest Policy protects Councillors as individuals and Councillors must disclose their interests. If Councillors do not declare their interests, then they are individually responsible for that.

He noted that whilst the CSI Audit confirmed that Council was managing conflicts appropriately, it also suggested it could be done better. He advised that he planned to take a hard line on the issue of conflicts of interests to protect the integrity of CSI. It was **AGREED** that any suggested amendments be emailed to the Chair and the final draft would be emailed out to Councillors for adoption at the 12 December Council meeting.

080.6 Delegations Policy

Chair provided Council with the first draft of a Delegations Policy. He requested Councillors who wished to have input to email their comments to him. He advised that this Council needs to set strategic direction. Certain authorities will be delegated to the CE and the CE would exercise that authority to be consistent with the Strategic Plan (yet to be developed), the Budget and OWP.

M Hall advised Council that the Chair had put in a significant number of hours to put together these policies on behalf of Council. It was:

Resolved (Hall/Bannister)

19-072

THAT CSI COUNCIL EXTENDS IT THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ANDREW SIMPSON FOR THE EXTENSIVE WORK HE HAS UNDERTAKEN ON PUTTING TOGETHER THE CSI COUNCIL POLICIES.

19-081 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

081.1 Licence Service Provider Options (10.1)

CE spoke to the paper provided by the Licence Sub-Committee regarding Licence Sales Systems Options. He explained the process that was undertaken where two providers were scored on varying criteria to arrive at an overall score. He advised that the result of that process showed a clear preference for Eyede as licensing service provider.

He advised that figures given in the options paper related to the cost of support services being provided by the NZC office had not been scoped or costed.

He further advised that Eyede has performed Fish and Game's licencing function for 14 years, has a record of exemplary performance in its reported KPI's and has completed annual financial audit requirements to a high standard.

Resolved (Centofanti/Growcott)

19-073

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS OPTION 1 THAT EYEDE IS THE PREFERRED LICENCING SERVICE PROVIDER AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATED BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDER.

081.2 Salmon Management and Harvest Regulation Framework (10.2)

CE advised that North Canterbury and CSI Fish and Game Councils have been approached to co-fund a peer review of a proposed salmon management and harvest regulation framework, prepared by John Hayes, Cawthron Institute. The main value of this work would be to support Fish and Game's application for obtaining approval for a season limit bag.

Resolved (Bannister/Koevoet)

19-074

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS COMMISSIONING CAWTHON INSTITUTE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON A SALMON MANAGEMENT AND HARVEST REGULATION FRAMEWORK WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR A SEASON BAG LIMIT FOR SALMON AND CONTRIBUTE \$3,000 FROM RESERVES TOWARD THIS REPORT.

19-082 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received and noted the letter from Southland Fish and Game Council on reducing licence fee increases.

19-83 NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:

083.1 Receive Audit Report

Chair noted that in April 2019 this Council passed a resolution in response to suggestions made from the Audit Report to update its policies. By oversight Council omitted to 'receive' B Robertson's report.

S Gerard stated that it was not a pre-notified item of General Business on the agenda and therefore cannot be discussed. L Koevoet stated that he had been refused when he requested an item be discussed under General Business that wasn't pre notified.

Moved (Hall/Isbister)

THAT NOT WITHSTANDING STANDING ORDERS THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THIS ITEM OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND VOTE ON 'RECEIVING' THE AUDIT REPORT.

The motion was put and was LOST.

083.2 Salmon Enhancement Workshop

CE advised that the North Canterbury Council is planning to hold a workshop on Salmon Enhancement on November 9th and extended an invitation for CSI Councillors to attend.

Resolved (Hall/Bannister)

19-075

THAT BEING 10:30 PM COUNCIL CONTINUE WITH THE AGENDA TO ITS CONCLUSION.

083.3 CE Performance Review and

083.4 Bowyers Case

Resolved (Hall/Growcott) at 10:38 pm

19-076

THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION TO:

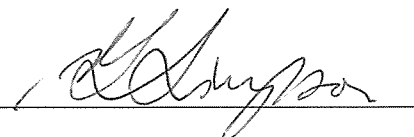
- 1. TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF NATURAL PERSONS AND**
- 2. TO MAINTAIN LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE.**

Meeting resumed in open forum at 11:00 pm.

Meeting closed: 11.00 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 12 December 2019 (4 to 6 pm)

Annual Public Meeting: Thursday 12 December 2019 (7:30 pm).

Signed 

Date 12/12/2019