

Minutes of the Extraordinary Southland Fish & Game Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2020 by Zoom video conference commencing at 1.00pm.

Present: Graeme Watson (Chair), Paul Stenning, Lindsay Withington, Mike Hartstonge, Bevan McNaughton, Craig Horrell, Lyndon Norman, Dave Harris, Dave MacGregor, Ken Cochrane & Chris Owen.

The Country was still in Alert Level 4 of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1.00pm, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

Conflicts of Interest with items on the agenda:

The individual member declaration of conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda could not be signed so the Chair was notified orally of any conflicts, none were received.

Apologies:

Resolved Harris/Hartstonge that apologies be received and sustained from Corey Carston, Carried.

1.02pm Resolved (McNaughton / Hartstonge)

Council move into a Public Excluded session of the meeting.

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, to discuss:

- a. **Possible changes to Game season 2020 considerations under COVID-19 restrictions.**
- b. The general subject of the 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
Game Season 2020 considerations under COVID19 restrictions.	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
a	To avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health & safety of members of the Public	Sec. 9(2)(c)	Discuss maintaining the safety of licence holders and staff and limiting the spread of COVID-19 for the Game 2020 season.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.

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.”

Time:1.29 pm Resolved: (McNaughton //Hartstonge)

To move out of Public Excluded and back into a Public meeting.

There was no further business and another zoom video conference was scheduled for 7.00pm Thursday 16th April 2020.

Chairman _____ Date _____