

HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT THE GAME FARM ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Messrs: Bates, (Chair), Bowcock, Duley (via audio-conference), Lumsden, MacKay, Niblett, Melville, Newton, Slavin (Blair), Slavin (Callum) and Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jesse Friedlander (Manager), Sam Robinson (Governance Advisor)

APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

WELECOME

Cr. Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new councillors and informed those attending that the meeting would be audio recorded.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The conflict of interest register was signed by all Councillors present. Cr. Newton tabled a conflict as Chairman of the Tongariro National Trout Centre.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No items of general business tabled.

4. INPUT INTO REVIEW OF REGIONAL STRUCTURE OF FISH AND GAME COUNCILS

Cr. Bates provided a summary for new councillors on the Fish and Game review, and feedback provided so far by the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council. The questions posed by the Regional F&G Council Structure Review Team need to be considered at this meeting.

What does Council consider the best regional structure of F&G Council going forward? Staff thoughts on the regional structure review has been circulated to councillors.

The potential option of an East Coast region was discussed. This requires more thought, however aligning our boundaries with iwi rohe would be beneficial.

It is very important to involve iwi at this stage. It would be very counterproductive to set regional boundaries before consulting with iwi.

Councillors discussed the possibility of Hawke's Bay amalgamating to 'make up the numbers' i.e just because the F&G review suggested reducing the number of regions to six, rather than because of any inherent advantages/improved efficiency.

Councillors believe in the importance of retaining the Game Farm site as it is an educational/recruitment resource. This should be expressed strongly in our feedback to the F&G council structure review team.

The Game Farm site was gifted by the Hawke's Bay licenceholders and should be kept for their benefit. Regional reserves should also be kept in the region in which they were earned/saved for the benefit of local licenceholders.

Smaller F&G regions require RMA support. This could be achieved with greater sharing of resources.

There isn't enough information at the present time to provide an answer to question 1. Budgetary forecasts for different regional structure options are necessary.

Councillors expressed the need to retain staff in our Napier office in order to service the surrounding F&G resource/population base. Staff have developed local relationships with licenceholders and other organisations. This local focus is a strength of F&G.

There was discussion as to how Councillors should be voted onto the NZ Council. The majority of HB Councillors support the continuation of the present method where NZ Councillors are appointed from each Regional F&G Council. However, this was not unanimous with some support for NZ Councillors to be elected at large by all NZ licence holders

The Manager will draft Council/staff feedback on the questions posed by the F&G Structure Review Team and send a draft version to Council. Feedback is due on the 28th October.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting.

Bowcock/Mackay

8:05pm

That the public meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council Resumes

Niblett/Bowcock

8:50pm

Meeting Closes



Bruce Bates – Chairman

7/12/2021

Date