

## **TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM.

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**1. PRESENT**

Councillors Chris Donald, Paul Blewman, Alan Flynn, Gerard Karalus, John Nancarrow, Romon Sargeson and Craig McEwen.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Acting Manager Allen Stancliff, Field Officer Jacob Morison and Secretary Jilli Steedman.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from David Potroz.

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON

THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED

CARRIED

**3.** The Chairman welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sargeson noted a conflict of interest with one of the Habitat & Hunting Scheme applications. An applicant is a personal friend.

All other Councillors verbally notified that they had no conflicts of interest in any of the agenda items.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

MOVED BLEWMAN / NANCARROW

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 HELD IN RAETIHI, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

CARRIED.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none

**7. AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

Allen Stancliff noted the easy access to the NZC online Gazette Notice for regions to input their 2022/23 Notice.

**8. REVIEW 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Acting Manager, Allen Stancliff, noted that this review is still in the draft stages and asked Councillors to consider what changes they may want.

Allen noted that our 10-year Management Plan is due to be renewed, Councillor Blewman noted the uncertainty around planning for the future with the imminent amalgamation of Fish & Game Regions.

MOVED BLEWMAN / KARALUS  
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE ATTACHED 5-YEAR STRATEGIC  
PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION  
CARRIED

**9. RISK REGISTER**

The register has been modified to reflect risk from the Omicron variant of COVID-19, noting that all staff have the capacity to work from home.

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON  
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE FEBRUARY 2022 RISK REGISTER.  
CARRIED

**10. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

Staff were well prepared for the January 2022 trend counts, Jacob liaised with landowners and activated in-reach.

Councillors discussed the collision between a Fish & Game vehicle and a motorcycle that cut a corner and sideswiped the vehicle. The motorcycle rider has admitted his responsibility and the insurance process is underway.

Staff are still liaising with Landbased Training for staff to attend a SXS and 4WD course. A new Hazard Control Plan has been developed for the Polaris SXS until training has been completed.

MOVED MCEWEN / NANCARROW  
THAT THE ACTING MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**11. 2022 TREND COUNT REPORT**

Jacob Morison advised Councillors of the Waimarino and Whanganui counts for paradise shelduck, noting that the average count was down slightly from last year. Also noting that there was a lot of ground water which makes for a good breeding season. Farmers commented that the use of diazinon for controlling porina could be a factor in the lower count of paradise shelduck. Allen Stancliff advised Councillors that the counts for Area C were down from previous years, however Lake Cowley with 900 plus counted was well above average. The number of black swan was also down in Taranaki, but the overall central NZ count remained strong. Councillors thanked staff for the excellent report.

MOVED SARGESON / BLEWMAN  
THAT THE 2022 GAMEBIRD TREND COUNT REPORT BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**12. HUNTING AND HABITAT SCHEME APPLICATIONS**

The Acting Manager described the seven applications that meet the criteria for funding.

Councillor Sargeson noted his relationship with one of the applicants and a conflict of interest has been registered for this meeting.

MOVED BLEWMAN / NANCARROW  
THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (GST INCL)  
FROM THE HUNTING & HABITAT SCHEME;

1	NAIRN	\$2,300
2	FERGUS	\$2,000
3	DEADMAN	\$2,921
4	CRAIG	\$1,000
5	ELLIOT	\$7,762
6	BEVINS	\$3,390
7	MANDER	\$5,750

CARRIED

**13. LICENCE SALES REPORT**

MOVED BLEWMAN / NANCARROW  
THAT THE TARANAKI FISH AND GAME LICENCE SALES REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**14. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman noted his meetings with staff in New Plymouth  
MOVED DONALD / MCEWEN  
THAT THE CHAIRMANS VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**15. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Karalus noted progress with the review of regional council amalgamations  
and that a draft report will be available by the end of February with the final report  
due at the end of March.

Councillors agreed that early involvement with iwi on the regional boundaries is  
important.

MOVED KARALUS / BLEWMAN  
THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**16. WORK PLAN TO 28 JANUARY 2022 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 31  
DECEMBER 2021**

Councillor Blewman asked about his attendance at a virtual hui to be held on 17<sup>th</sup>  
February to update stakeholders on the status of negotiations between the Crown  
and Ngā Iwi o Taranaki regarding the Collective Redress Deed for Taranaki  
Maunga/Egmont National Park.

Councillor Karalus asked staff for an update on the Opunake HEPS.

MOVED KARALUS / BLEWMAN  
THAT THE BUDGET REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2021 AND THE PROJECT PROGRESS  
REPORT TO 28 JANUARY 2022, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**17. PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET**

MOVED SARGESON / BLEWMAN

THAT THE PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 31 DECEMBER 2021, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Karalus noted that work on fish pass construction on the Waipuku stream and Manganui River weirs is progressing.

Councillor McEwen noted the comments on social media, around the Fish & Game Review, are varied.

Councillor Nancarrow would like a review of the gazetted 200m hunting restriction around town oxidation ponds.

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 2 FEBRUARY  
2022, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**19. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Allen Stancliff advised Councillors that the Stratford Club – Fishing Section has folded and would no longer be able to apply for funding from TET for kids fishing days held at the Scout Den pool on the Patea River.

Allen Stancliff also updated the Council on fish passage issues at Lake Rotomanu.

Councillor Donald noted that the Inglewood rod, Gun and Recreation Club would not be holding their annual clay target shoot. The New Plymouth Gun Club has disbanded and there would no longer be a range available. The club will be looking at other opportunities.

**20. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:30 am.

**APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_