

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING

At the **COUNCIL MEETING - 20 OCTOBER 2021** on **20 Oct 2021** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING
Date:	Wednesday, 16 June 2021
Time:	6:30 pm to 8:08 pm
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	CHRIS BRANKIN, ALAN STRONG (Chair), DAVE COLL, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	GRAEME NAHKIES, KEN LEE, REX GIBSON, DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Apologies:	STUART HENDERSON, DANIEL MAXWELL
Guests/Notes:	Greg Terras, Phil Ball, Larry Burke, Brendon Topp, David Kirkness, Mike Agar (NZSAA) Brett Wilson, John Forrest, Dougal Matravers

1. MEETING BUSINESS

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING

1.2 KARAKIA

1.3 CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS



Minutes from Council Meeting Dated 21 April 2021

That the minutes from the Council Meeting dated 21 April 2021 and 3rd June 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Decision Date:	16 Jun 2021
Mover:	RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder:	TREVOR ISITT
Outcome:	Approved

1.4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1.5 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. On behalf of Kelvin Sewall, Brett Wilson asked if NCFG had completed any research on best productive nesting sites for mallards in the NC Region, and

2. Want F&G to investigate opening up a paper road into Lake Ellesmere which would give access for hunters to Jarvis Road, Greenpark Sands and the L2

R Gabrielson stated that currently there were limited resources, both budget/staffing and the issue of access would require more time and effort to be put into it going forward.

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 CHANGES TO THE 2021/22 FISHING REGULATIONS

R Gabrielson stated the following minor adjustments were required to be made in the 2021/22 Fishing Regulations. Reasons for the adjustments are;

1. Heathcote River - accidentally opened up spawning areas to all year round angling;
2. Use of Motorised Boats on Some High Country Lakes - the amendment is to bring F&G regulations to align with the Selwyn District Council's District Plan.



Regulations Changes for the 2021/22 Fishing Season

1. Heathcote River

Amend the Anglers Notice to read the following season length:

Heathcote River below Colombo Street bridge - open all year; and

Heathcote River above Colombo Street Bridge - 1 October to 30 April

2. The Use of Motorised Boats on Some High Country Lakes

Introduce a new "Note" under "additional requirements", that prohibits the use of motorised boats on Lakes Blackwater, Catherine, Evelyn Georgina, Grasmere, Hawdon, Henrietta, Ida, Letitia, Lillian, Marymere, Moana Rua/Pearson, Red Lakes, Rubicon, Sarah, Selfe or Vagabonds Inn, is limited to one of the following uses; Emergency search and rescue work; or law enforcement.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconded: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.2 ENDING THE NATIONAL SEA RUN SALMON COMMITTEE

On establishment, one of the NSRSC's main goals was to initiate the process for a season limit bag to manage salmon harvest which has been now approved by Cabinet. An adaptive management strategy has since been developed to sustainably manage the east coast salmon fishery. In discussion it was identified that further policies needed to be developed to pertain only to NCFG & CSIFG.

Cr Musson stated the NSRSC was not involved in running of the salmon fishery in both regions and that a certain level of governance was required to follow through to update the 10 year management plan.



Future of the Sea Run Salmon Committee

That the NCFG Council recommend and that a letter be sent to NZC asking that the National Sea Run Salmon Committee be disbanded and that the governance of the sea-run salmon fishery be undertaken collaboratively by the South Island salmon regions.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021

Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: REX GIBSON
Outcome: Approved



National Sea Run Salmon Committee

That a letter be sent to NZC requesting the disbandment of the NSRSC and the management be brought to the regions.

Due Date: 30 Jun 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

2.3 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - CHANGE FREEZE

Points raised in discussion:

1. Concern on the inability to hire new staff until during the implementation of the Review.
2. Concern on the need for approval from managers group to do anything. Could have a cursory discussion with CSI but not involve for the likes of NI councils
3. If any changes are required, NCFG need to ensure a meaningful dialogue be had forming a good relationship with CSIFG going forward
4. Feedback was required by 25th June 2021 on the three to five year implementation of the Review changes and amalgamations - clearly articulate concerns of managers influence in decision



Consultation Document - Change Freeze

That R Gabrielsson and C Brankin draft a letter to NZC, that will be circulated to Councillors for input prior to sending, outlining concerns raised and especially the influence the Managers group has during this process of carrying out the Review.

Due Date: 30 Jun 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

2.4 CHRISTCHURCH ROD AND GUN CLUB LETTER

Points raised in discussion;

1. Consider there is no ECan controlled riverbeds that can not be shot from
2. Paper road and access to shooting areas problematic
3. Utilise someone who understands what a duck needs to get from egg to sky
4. Start building good relationships with landowners to allow access.
5. Need to push relationship at Te Waihora with Iwi.
6. Need more game stakeholders to put more effort into gamebird resources like anglers do for the salmon resource
7. Re-instigate the annual shooting competition held in Springston
8. Hard for gamebird stakeholders to see where their licence fee is being spent
9. No "key priority" for gamebird or trout



Paper on Future of Gamebirds

R Gabrielson along with C Brankin, Cr Isitt, Cr Musson and Cr Henderson put forward a paper identifying ideas for the future direction of Gamebirds.

Due Date: 18 Aug 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

3. FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 LAKE HERON SALMON, MELLISH STREAM SALMON, UNWIN SALMON LOCAL ADAPTION

Brief discussion on the studies carried out to date on Lake Heron and Mellish streams regarding salmon returns and regulation changes. R Gabrielson suggested that before any decisions could be made, wait for a study to be concluded by CSIFG on lake harvest which would be carried out early December 2021 and then possibly decide on any future regulation changes. He also stated that it was CSI decision to make prior to any amalgamation.

Cr Strong suggested that work be allowed to be completed before any decisions were made.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

4.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Chair

That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

4.2 FINANCE REPORT



Finance Report

That subject to the actions as stated, the April 2021 finance report be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: CHRIS BRANKIN
Seconder: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Outcome: Approved



FINANCE REPORT

That the Winnemem Wintu be taken out of Unmapped accounting.

Explain the budgeted loss of \$360,000

Ensure a Cashflow Report is attached to Council papers at each meeting.

Due Date: 18 Aug 2021
Owner: DEBBIE AMBLER

4.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

R Gabrielson was complimented on this Report presented to Council.

That going forward, R Gabrielson asked Councillor's to assist with organising/attending meetings with Iwi and rural community leaders to discuss issues in common. That consideration be given to

include Ngai Tahu and Federated Farmers in the compilation of the 10 Year Salmon Management Plan.



CEO Report

The the CEO Report for June 2021 be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconded: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

4.4 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

R Gabrielsson apologised for wrong Report being sent out with these papers.

He outlined that Electric Fishing Machine retraining would be underway shortly and that since the last meeting modifications to two trailer jockey wheels were carried out.

Cr Coll raised the issue of helicopters used by staff to complete aerial surveys and counts and that a Policy on what type of helicopter should be used for F&G purposes be put in place.



Health and Safety Report - Use of Helicopters

Investigate with Doc and other regions on their use of helicopters and then formulate a Policy for the NCFG region.

Due Date: 18 Aug 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON



Health and Safety Report

That the Health and Safety Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconded: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

4.5 NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL REPORT

NZC meeting on Governance Review to be held on Friday 18th June 2021. Cr Coll to send out email next week to Council on outcomes from this meeting.



NZC Report

That the verbal NZC report be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: KEN LEE
Seconded: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

4.6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

G Nahkies stated that the Committee along with R Gabrielson were thinking through priorities for rest of year.



Executive Committee Report

The the Executive Committee verbal Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 16 Jun 2021
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

5. PUBLIC SESSION

5.1 PUBLIC SESSION

In answer to a request to set up traps on the Rakaia River to see how many salmon were lost, R Gabrielson explained that ECan had two advisory groups (Policy and technical) and that they were working on best practice on three types of fish screens which would be implemented this summer. He stated the need to follow up on their effectiveness.

Cr Gibson suggested a letter be written to ECan to speed up their Policy making and if not moving forward, take to the public later in the year for consultation.

It was noted the new RMA position would take up these issues once employed.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

7. FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Letter Ngai Tahu Freshwater Claim

7.2 Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board Invitation to Meeting

7.3 Mike Joy - Vested Interests in Big Agriculture

7.4 Update - ECan & NCF&G Joint Work Programme Discussions

7.5 Should We Release NZ's Strangled Rivers to Lessen Future Impacts Floods

8. MEETING CLOSED

8.1 MEETING CLOSED

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____