

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 15 June 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Present: J Cruden P McLauchlan
B Growcott G Rooney (Chairman)
M Hall W Spry
D Isbister B Whipp
L Koevoet

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator), A Christensen (Resource Officer), J Couper (Fish and Game Officer), M Webb (Fish and Game Officer), R Adams (Fish and Game Officer), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer) and Richard Cosgrove (Communications Advisor).

17-023 APOLOGIES:

J Henry (Ngai Tahu) and D Winterburn (DoC).

AGREED that the apologies of J Henry and D Winterburn be accepted.

17-024 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register.

B Growcott advised that he would be adding to his as he is now a gamebird hunting guide.

17-025 GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Press Release on Escaped Salmon (LK)
- Councillors (LK)
- Aerial Salmon Spawning Count Video (RC)
- WRES Correspondence (LK)
- Kids Fishing Day (LK)
- OAG Visit to CSI (JG)
- RWL Fish Trials (MW)

17-026 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises.

17-027 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 20 April 2017

Resolved (Isbister/Koevoet)

17-013

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 APRIL 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

17-028 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

028.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Resolved (Spry/Koevoet)

17-014



THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2017 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$83,530.49 AND \$385,572.29, RESPECTIVELY.

17-029 DOC LIAISON:

- None.

17-030 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

030.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (8.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics reported in their activities and operations reports. Topics included:

- Signs at the Ahuriri River – in response to a concern it was confirmed that signs placed by the land owner at the Ahuriri River were not trespass signs but were related to health and safety.
- Barhill Chertsey Irrigation Trapping – confirmed that BCI had sought advice from NIWA, Cawthron, and CSI on fish screens.
- RDR consents hearing – confirmed hearings will now be held next year. Chief Executive noted we are now into month 9 of RDR's two year time limit so CSI are making enquiries with ECan as to what ECan are going to do if RDR do not meet their 2-year time limit.

030.2 Wainono Lagoon Mallard Population Estimation (8.2)

Concern was expressed as to whether drones can map the population when mapping 55 hectares out of 300+ hectares. Staff explained how the survey is undertaken and advised that they target where birds are more likely to be.

030.3 Harvest and Angler Use of Mackenzie Basin Hydro Canal Fishery (8.3)

Council were provided with a report by Rhys Adams detailing the results of the harvest and angler use survey of the Mackenzie Basin hydro canal fishery over the 2015/16 fishing season. It was noted that report was very informative and was the result of good management by staff on Council's behalf. It was felt it could be useful to do a repeat survey in another 4 to 5 years to ensure there is sustainability of the resource. **AGREED** that copy of report be provided to NZ Councillors.

030.4 F&G Contribution to MAR Governance Group (8.9)

M Webb presented a report listing potential MAR, TSA or Near River Recharge sites and benefits for the Hinds Plains area. He explained there was a recommendation from the Hinds Drain Working Party to implement Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) as a method to help dilute nitrogen concentrations in ground and surface waters and contribute to enhancement of the environmental, economic and cultural values of the Hinds River and drains.

M Hall expressed his doubts as to where this is all going and felt there is not enough public participation in this process. He noted that M Webb was the only environmental advocate in a group of 12, which seemed to be out of balance. M Webb agreed and felt there was a need to seek DoC and Ngai Tahu engagement and agreement on priorities.



17-031 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

031.1 2017/18 Licence Fee Recommendation (9.1)

Council was provided with a report from the NZ Council that recommends the licence fees for the 2017/2018 seasons.

A \$2 licence fee increase is recommended for the Adult Whole Season Fish licence (from \$125 to \$127) and a \$1 increase for the Whole Season Game licence (from \$93 to \$94 – inclusive of the \$3 Game Bird Habitat stamp).

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet)

07-015

THAT CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS A 2017/18 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISH LICENCE FEE OF \$127 AND THE ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE FEE OF \$94 (INCLUSIVE OF A \$3 FEE FOR THE GAME BIRD HABITAT STAMP) INCLUSIVE OF GST.

17-032 NZFGC MATTERS:

032.1 Report from NZ Meeting of April 2017

M Hall provided an update on NZC matters. Topics included:

- Guides licence, back to square one
- DoC and how to cope with influx of tourists
- Financial Review – hasn't got past National Office yet
- NZ Audit Function – focus likely to be across output areas eg, health & safety across all councils.
- Salmon Symposium (M Hall handed out paper outlining ideas)
- New NZC CE, applications being considered
- Lead shot ban for 20 gauge
- Insurance Issues
- Governors Forum – 2018
- Questions to go to political parties on Environment

17-033 GENERAL BUSINESS:

033.1 Press Release on Escaped Salmon (LK)

L Koevoet stated that the size of escaped fish was reported by CSI Chief Executive incorrectly. Chief Executive explained that the information he provided to the Timaru Herald was provided to him by High Country Salmon, which at that time was 150mm. The following day High Country Salmon advised him that the size they had initially reported was incorrect and the fish were actually 250 to 300 mm.

033.2 Councillors (LK)

L Koevoet sought clarification on the number of councillors a Fish and Game Council requires. Chief Executive advised that legislation states "not more than 12 members", therefore a Council is not required to have 12.

033.3 Aerial Salmon Spawning Count

Council were shown the video of M Webb undertaking a spawning count on the Lower Waitaki River. This video would also be put on the Fish and Game website.



033.4 WRES Letter (LK)

L Koevoet queried why the latest letter from WRES had not yet been responded to. The letter queries if there is the possibility of relaxing requirements and allowing WRES to incubate eggs from other sources i.e. Rangitata or Rakaia). Chief Executive took note to look into it.

033.5 Kids Fishing Day (LK)

L Koevoet reported that he was told by the people who organise the Eckholds Pond Kids Fishing Day that CSI Fish and Game didn't do anything on the day. H Stevens responded that this information was incorrect and two CSI staff attended on the day to gut and clean the fish. It was clarified that this is not an event run by Fish and Game. It is a privately run fishing day paid for by the Lower Waitaki Irrigation Company.

033.6 OAG Visit to CSI (JG)

Chief Executive advised that he had met with two representatives of the Office of the Auditor General and felt that the meeting was worthwhile. They made it clear that they were not conducting an investigation of CSI and that they would be referring complaints back to the NZ Council for follow-up. Their explanation for visiting CSI was to establish a relationship with Central South Island in their capacity as the new Sector Managers. As a result of the meeting OAG noted that our Standing Orders and Governance Manual had not been reviewed for a while so suggested that Council could review these and update if necessary.

033.7 RWL Fish Screen Trials

G Rooney declared his Conflict of Interest on the issue and requested that Council decide his involvement in the discussion, if any.

Resolved (Koevoet/Whipp)

07-016

THAT G ROONEY BE REQUESTED TO REMAIN IN THE MEETING TO ANSWER POINTS OF CLARIFICATION ONLY DURING THE BRIEFING OF THE RWL TRIALS.

M Webb gave Council a briefing on the trials that took place and how they were undertaken but advised that his report was still in preparation. No resolution was taken by Council.

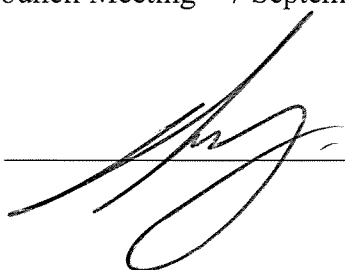
033.8 Historic Acclimatisation Society Reports and Photos

Chief Executive advised that historic Acclimatisation Society Annual Reports (including Waitaki Valley, South Canterbury and Ashburton) have been digitised and can now be searched by "key word". Also some historical photos have been restored and framed.

Meeting closed: 10:10 pm.

Next Council Meeting – 7 September 2017

Signed _____



Date _____

