

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 22 September 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Present: C Weatherall (Chair) L Koevoet
S Bannister (from 7.26pm) C McKenzie (Zoom)
B Chisholm D Rattray
P Centofanti A Simpson (Zoom)
J deWit J Henry (Ngai Tahu)

In Attendance: J Graybill, Chief Executive

22-049 APOLOGIES:

No apologies.

Chair welcomed the three new Councillors: B Chisholm, C McKenzie and A Simpson, who introduced themselves to Council.

22-050 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register or any conflicts, or perceived conflicts, between their current interests and the business of tonight's meeting? None were advised. Chair encouraged new Councillors to get their Declarations in to the office as soon as possible.

22-051 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly point for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency.

22-052 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 AUGUST 2022

Resolved (Centofanti/Rattray)

22-080

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 AUGUST 2022 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

22-053 STATUS OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS:

053.1 CE advised all have been actioned or noted.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-081

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE STATUS OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

22-054 BUDGET & FINANCE:

CE advised that fish and game licence income (\$) for the season are both above budget. Chair felt this was a very good result and was satisfied with the report and information that was in front of Council. CE advised that income from Diversion/Fines for the financial year is approximately \$17,000 and the outgoing costs to Council for prosecutions is \$2,275.

Resolved (Koevoet/Rattray)

22-082

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR MAY 2022, JUNE 2022, JULY 2022, AND AUGUST 2022 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$304,267.20, \$70,436.00, \$70,887.60 AND \$309,769.34, RESPECTIVELY.

22-055 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

CE updated Council on the compliance that has been undertaken over the past fishing season. He advised that ranging took place a total of 87 days (i.e., 26% of all possible angling days). 63 of those angling days have occurred on the canals, which averages approx. 1.2 ranging days per week. Rangers have interviewed nearly 1,600 anglers where 86% of those were at the canals. 81 anglers were detected committing 91 offences and of those 76 (84%) were detected at the canals. He advised that some ranging activity had been curtailed over the last 12 months due to covid restrictions.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-083

THAT THE OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS BE RECEIVED AND STAFF BE THANKED FOR THE EFFORT THAT GOES INTO THESE REPORTS.

22-056 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT:

056.1 Meeting Dates for 2023 (8.1)

CE advised that the recommended CSI dates were selected to mesh with the meetings of the NZ Fish and Game Council for more efficient decision making.

Resolved (Rattray/deWit)

22-084

THAT THE CSI MEETINGS FOR 2023 WILL BE HELD ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

- **2 February** CSI Council meeting
- **16 March** CSI Council meeting including approve OWP & budget for submitting to managers/CEs for recommendation to NZC
- **18 May** CSI Council meeting including approve angling regulations and licence fee recommendation to submit to NZC
- **20 July** CSI Council meeting
- **21 September** CSI Council meeting
- **24 November** CSI Council meeting (could change depending on EoY audit requirements).

056.2 Update on Staffing

CE advised he has appointed a Fish and Game Officer, Nicola Dellaway, to fill a current vacancy. Nicola begins work on 1 October 2022 and has agreed to take part in opening weekend ranging (Saturday and Sunday). He further advised that the Resource Officer position has been advertised twice but market conditions are not particularly conducive but assured Council he is doing the best he can to fill the vacancy.

056.3 Risk Register

CE advised he had added a new category to the risk register, being the decline in the canal fishery. P Centofanti suggested adding a new category about supporting volunteer rangers who may come across an abusive angler. It was **AGREED** that the CE report back.

Resolved (Centofanti/Koevoet)

22-085

THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

22-057 CHAIR'S REPORT:

057.1 CE Appraisal

Chair advised that this review has started in accordance with Council's Governance Policy.

057.2 Outcomes from ECan Liaison Meeting

Chair advised that he, the CE and L Koevoet met with ECan Chair, Jenny Hughey, Councillor Peter Scott, and Katherine Trought (Director of Policy and Planning) to discuss concerns from CSI Council related to a number of matters directly affecting the CSI Region. With regard to Ashburton Lakes, he advised that CSI must have better participation and input with the goal of preventing lakes from reaching their "tipping point", and particularly Lakes Clearwater and Heron. CE advised that once lakes tip (in terms of water quality) it is very difficult, if not impossible to reverse, making action urgent. J Henry advised that ECan are attempting to get funding from Government to assist and the lakes are being closely monitored by ADC also. S Bannister expressed concern on nitrate levels in Heron and the possibility of impeding juvenile salmon.

057.3 Lake Opuha Fish Testing

Chair advised that CSI are still awaiting updates from ECan from the testing of the fish at Lake Opuha and that the CE will be contacting ECan to provide an update.

057.3 Governance Update

Chair advised that CSI Council's governance training is scheduled for Friday 30 September starting at 3 pm.

0 57.4 Ngai Tahu Representation

Chair advised that he had given notice at CSI's previous meeting that he was going to address the issue of voting rights for Ngai Tahu representative. However, he has been advised that there are legal issues to be considered, but it will happen in future. The Chair made the commitment to John Henry that CSI will ensure that he has full participating rights and that his views and expressions will be recorded.

Resolved (Centofanti/deWit)

22-086

THAT THE CSI COUNCIL MAKES THE COMMITMENT TO ITS NGAI TAHU REPRESENTATIVE, JOHN HENRY, THAT HE WILL BE GIVEN FULL PARTICIPATING RIGHTS AND EXPRESSION OF VIEWS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT VOTING RIGHTS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.



22-058 NZC REPORT:

058.1 L Koevoet gave an update on NZC matters that included:

- NZC developing strategy on its future direction for next three years;
- This strategy will be shared as template for regions to flesh-out with their differing circumstances;
- NZC is implementing “self-assessment” at sign off of their meetings; and
- Noted from workshop that “trust” is missing within Fish & Game!

Resolved (Bannister/deWit)

22-087

THAT THE NZC REPORT BE RECEIVED.

058.2 John Henry, Ngai Tahu

With the upcoming fishing season J Henry reminded Council that Ngai Tahu have the right to fish for kahawai at the mouth of rivers.

22-059 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

CE responded to queries on Inward Correspondence.

22-060 GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chair advised that Council’s next meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2022 and its Annual Public Meeting (APM) is pencilled in for 24 November 2022 (subject to completion of EoY audit). The only item at the 24 November meeting is to present Council’s 2021/22 Performance Report to the public.

Chair expressed his view that Council should consider the on-going position of Chair at the 17 November meeting. He indicated he would like to remain with Council through the APM to see that process through. His future beyond that is something for the CSI Council to discuss.

He further advised there is a document due to Fish and Game Councils on Ngai Tahu consultation. The NZ Council are driving the project to consult with Councils throughout the South Island, and they will bring a road show to this Council and hold consultation.

J DeWit queried his request to discuss review of Standing Orders/Governance Review. Chair responded that he had made the decision that it wasn’t to appear on this agenda as it is something for the new year with the full Council present.

22-061 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION:

Resolved (Rattray/Centofanti)

22-088

THAT AT 8:40 PM THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING.

THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH 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:

061.1 Update on Meridian and Genesis Reconsenting Agreements (13.1)

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Consent Renewal-Genesis	OIA section 9(2)(b)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.
Consent Renewal-Meridian	OIA section 9(2)(b)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

061.2 Ex-Ranger & ECan Private Person Follow-up (13.2)

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Ex-Ranger & ECan Private Person Follow-up	OIA section 9(2)(a)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

061.3 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes: Meetings of 16 June and 4 August 2022 (16.3)

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Approval of Public Excluded Minutes.	OIA section 9(2)(j)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

061.4 Confidential Matters (16.4)

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confidential Matters	OIA section 9(2)(a)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

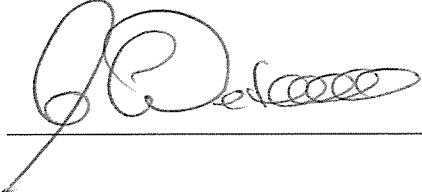
PUBLIC MEETING RESUMED:

Council resumed in open session at 10.00 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 17 November 2022.

Annual Public Meeting: Thursday 24 November 2022 (Subject to completion of Audit)

Meeting closed: 10:00 pm

Signed  _____

Date 17/11/2022