

# MINUTES OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GAME FARM

ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 AT 6PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors Bates (Chairman), Hern, Niblett, Lumsden, Mackie, Williams and Duley (arrived at 6.15pm).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Christine Tuck (Hawke's Bay Fish & Game staff), Glenis Phillips (Minute Taker).

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Red Hooper

## 1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed members of the public.

## 2.0 APOLOGIES

Apology received from Nathan Burkepile, and no apology received from Cr McIntosh.

## 3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (21 JUNE 2018)

### AGREED

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Niblett/Hern

## 4.0 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

## 5.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- There will be a public excluded meeting held at the end of this meeting regarding the process of employing a manager for Hawke's Bay Fish and Game.
- Discussion around the junior pheasant shoot to be held at Tuna Nui
- \$1,000 has been donated by Berretta NZ. They will be using their own ammunition so Hawke's Bay Fish and Game should expect to receive \$800 to go towards this event
- Staff has written to Richard Cosgrove asking if he could come and record the event and has also asked Don Rood. Christine to follow up.
- The \$800 above is to be used to cover the cost of food for the days event.

## 6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The "Conflict of Interest Register" was passed around the Councillors for signage, and no conflicts were registered for this meeting.

## **7.0 2018 COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Robert Sowman sent through an up-date of the election timetable 2018 and a link to the website. Staff requested to forward this link onto all Councillors.

## **8.0 APPROVAL OF THE 2018/2019 OPERATIONAL WORKPLAN**

The changes made to this budget and OWP are a departure from the agreement that was negotiated and signed between the Eastern Fish and Game Council and Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council in April 2018. These changes affect staffing allocations within the Eastern Region and have not yet been communicated to the Eastern Fish and Game Council. Cr Bates advised Councillors that he will be going through next week to see Andy Garrick and will discuss, this would only be changed if they were acceptable to Eastern.

As at 26 July no submissions on the Draft OWP had been received.

Councillors asked the question as to when the Hawkes Bay and Eastern contract will run out. It was apparently signed by Andy Garrick and Mark Venman in April this year for next year. It was noted that historically the Chair of each region had signed the contract.

### **AGREED**

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Hern/Williams

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Niblett/Lumsden

## **9.0 PROVIDING PLANTS TO LANDOWNERS**

With the council approval of the 5-year Strategic Plan for waterfowl habitat, direction is required in implementing this plan. Questions were raised over how projects are prioritised and what the best value is for council spend. Discussion was raised over whether landowners were licence holders, public access and whether wetlands were creating more birds or were just shooting ponds causing a net loss of birds. It was proposed that a general ranking system should be developed to help with the direction of future developments.

## **10.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT**

- Cr Williams advised Councillors of the recent NZ Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. He said that he asked the question regarding canvassing licence holders, and a satisfaction survey about F&G performance nationwide is going to be done. It was generally decided to take care of in R3.
- NZ Council Audit Policy written and agreed to. This is to cover all regions under the Conservation Act. Cr Williams advised councillors that a region per year is no longer being done and there is no regular programme of audits but only in cases where it is seemed to be a problem area. Cr Williams let council know that a policy is required before an audit can be started. The NZ Council audit policy is to be circulated to Councillors

- Mallard Research Application of \$21,000 - Auckland/Waikato to digitise data from previous research. Identify habitats that promote duckling and breed survival. This was approved by NZ Council and should be finished by Christmas
- Hawke's Bay application for NZ Wetland restoration symposium - \$4,000 approved from unspent funds from the staff development grant
- R3 Reference Group consisting of Ian Hadland, Rhys Barrier, Phil Teal, Andy Garrick, Martin Taylor, Robert Sowman Steve Doughty had their first meeting

### **National Sea Run Salmon Committee**

An outcome of the salmon symposium has been the appointment of a national salmon committee. Its membership is based on an appointee from Nelson/Marlborough, West Coast, North Canterbury, Central South Island and Otago Fish and Game Councils, the NZ Salmon Angler Association, South Canterbury Salmon Anglers Association and the NZ Council Chief Executive.

The committee has met for the second time on 19 June 2018 in Wellington. Strategic outcomes have been set in an effort to stop the decline, improve the habitat, restore to acceptable levels self-sustaining wild fish spawning numbers and establish an acceptable level of hatchery fish harvest.

## **11.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **11.1 Management Report**

Staff house currently vacant and to be painted inside. Quotes were asked for by the same three contractors who did the exterior but unfortunately the man who did the exterior is too busy and cannot do. One quote is slightly under 10K and quote from Stan Thomas is over 10K.

Christine requires approval from Councillors to go ahead and get this job done while the premises are vacant. Carmel has said to go ahead as the money is there to get it done.

Christine advised Councillors that she has been in and out of the farm house, the oven is clean, the roof repairs are done, the power has been read and the hot water has been turned off. She stated that the inside has not been done for approximately 12 years and all rooms are multi-coloured. It is definitely overdue for a paint job.

### **AGREED**

#### ***11.1.1 That the Management Report be accepted***

Duley/Mackie

### **11.2 Health and Safety Report**

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New vehicle Nissan Navara 2014 has done approximately 110K. It's a Ford ranger, with its biggest advantage being auto display (shows you backing). The Bounty did not have this option. It worked out cheaper as there is no carpet, just vinyl. It is at the lower end of the budget.

Niblett/Lumsden

### 11.3 Finance Report

#### 11.3.1 That Council approves the following

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Lumsden/Mackie

### 11.4 Licence Report

- Fish licences are going on line 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Day Licence for non-resident = \$34. Info has been e-mailed out with an explanation – this is to be forwarded on to all councillors.
- There has been negative feedback from South Island regarding this.
- A total of 94.1% of the annual sales target has been achieved
- Sales are reported to be 1.3% below licences issued for the same period last year
- Nationally the licence sales are -0.6% above on last year's sales to the same time

#### 11.4.1

*That Council approves the following Licence Sales Report.*

Hern/Williams

### 12.0 MEETING CLOSES

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

**CONFIRMED**

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CHAIRMAN



DATE: 6 / 11 / 18

## SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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