

FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION

MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT
10AM ON 11 JULY 2023 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.

Present: Owen Baigent
Jean Willis
Tom Kroos Remotely until 1pm
Felix Borenstein Left meeting at 1.15pm
Bill Cash
Carey Cudby
Ian McLeod
Steve Holmes
Nev Gane

In Attendance: Rhys Barrier Manager
Karen Crook Secretary
Jacob Lucas Field Officer
Chris Golding DOC 11.30 to 1pm

1. APOLOGIES Nick King, Guy Gardiner, Sebastien Den Doncker, David Haynes.

C1/07/23 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
T Kroos/B Cash
CARRIED

The Chair welcomed Nev Gane as a co-opted member of the Council.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No urgent business was identified.
There was no change to the agenda order.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No change to the Annual Agenda:

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified.

New co-opted members Nev Gane declared that he is part owner of Marlborough Hunting & Fishing which is a licence agent and Carey Cudby declared he was Treasurer of the Marlborough Freshwater Anglers Club. These will be added to the Register of Councillors Interests.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

C2/07/23 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2023 MEETING BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
F Borenstein/B Cash
CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

The Manager reported that due to Ministerial concerns over the Anglers Notice in particular the new designated waters licence, NZC had to resubmit the fees and forms notice with instructions that only those waters previously named as Backcountry Fisheries could become designated waters this year. This means that only the Travers, Upper Wairau, and Matakītaki rivers in this region will be designated waters for the 23/24 season. This coming season staff will collect more data for the Wangapeka and D'Urville with the view that these rivers become designated waters in the 24/25 season.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted. **Moved J Willis/F Borenstein**

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

C3/07/23 MOVE THAT THE MAY AND JUNE 2023 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTTALLING \$132,734.51 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
B Cash/S Holmes
CARRIED

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

8. DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

The draft from NZC was considered, it was questioned if the Employment Contract Act should be mentioned in this document. This will be feed back to the NZC.

13. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

Discussion around what type of competition could be carried out for game bird hunters next season e.g. photo of your bag containing 60% green heads. This will be brought up at the next pre-season Game Committee meeting to see if there are any other suggestions and what a competition may look like.

14. DOC LIAISON.

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Chris Golding was welcomed to the meeting. Chris reported that at a National level the Department and Fish & Game are looking at their relationship and how it currently works and how it could work in the future, the MOU previously developed between the two organisations will be looked at to see if it is still fit for purpose, it is proposed to hold regular meetings 2 to 3 times a year. Chris also advised that the Cobb 1080 drop will now take place around February to May 2024.

15. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair reported that a draft MOU between North Canterbury, West Coast and Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game is currently being worked on, the final will be presented to the Minister of Conservation.

16. NZ COUNCIL REPORT

No NZ Council meeting to report.

1PM ZOOM MEETING WITH IAN SHAPCOTT

Ian was introduced to Council and Councillors introduced themselves to Ian. Ian introduced himself and presented a power-point presentation on his thoughts about Fish and Game and Iwi relationships, and what needs to be considered by Fish and Game when engaging with iwi over the review of our Sports Fish and Game Management Plan.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence in was noted, general discussion was held around the email received from Manawa Energy informing us of the closure of the toilet block at the Argyle freedom campsite, the manager reported that he is currently in negotiations with Manawa Energy hoping to get to a solution that will see this necessary facility kept open.

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business.

MEETING CLOSED 2.20 pm

Chair *J. R. Baigent* Dated 5.12 2023

