

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2016, 13 HENLEY STREET, WESTPORT AT 7:00 P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7:15 pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Mark Smith, Dean Phibbs, Bruce Erickson, David Heine, Owen Smith.

In attendance: Tim Shaw (DoC), Sean Climo (Ngai Tahu), Dean Kelly (Manager and minute taker), Lee Crosswell (Fish and Game Officer).

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

AGENDA

The Council agreed on the pre-circulated agenda.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Smith made the council aware of his services being contracted in Fish and Game West Coast's Health and Safety review.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

Motion proposed: **That the Walking Access Commission representative be invited to the next meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks Seconder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

MINUTES

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the April 2016 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Seconder: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

COUNCIL MEETING

Motion proposed: **That the Council hold a meeting on the third Wednesday in July at Greymouth. The meeting will include special topics of the Walking Access Commission, Health and Safety, and review of the accumulative action list.**

Proposer: J Derks Seconder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion proposed: **That the inwards correspondence be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson Seconder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council write to the NZ Council to advise that the West Coast Council supports formation of national policy on hunting and fishing ethics.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

Council discussed the proposed changes from the NZ Council to the fishing regulations.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council respond to the NZ Council supporting the proposed fishing regulation changes except:**

- **Use of 3 flies/spinners (make limit 2).**
- **Remove bag limit adjustment as per 6.2 as it is unenforceable.**
- **Remove provision for Gaff use in any area.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **Council considered nominations for the Game Bird Habitat Trust and no nominations were forthcoming.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: R Roney Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council advise the NZ Council that:**

- 1. West Coast Council supports the licence fee proposed by the NZ Council for the 2016/17 period, noting to the NZ Council that these are difficult economic times and licence holders are finding purchasing a licence more difficult.**
- 2. The West Coast Council requests that the NZ Council investigate alternative revenue streams for the purpose of reducing the licence fee, and that the NZ Council report back to regions on the investigation of alternative revenue streams within 12 months.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Motion proposed: **That the Financial Report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Manager provides a written commentary covering significant variances to budget to accompany the financial report.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

MANAGERS REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the Manager's Report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That the Greylard Monitoring Report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

Mr Harris informed the council that the NZ Council had been written to regarding the West Coast Region's proposed guideline of six fish landed per day for catch and release and that it is an agenda item for the next NZ Council meeting.

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council Report be received.**

Proposer: A Harris Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

2016/17 OPERATIONAL WORKPLAN

Motion proposed: **That Council adopt the 2016/17 Operational Workplan as circulated.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Carried

SPORTSFISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council reviewed the 2011 Sportsfish and Game Management Plan.

Motion proposed: **That Council continue with the current document without change, having considered and reviewed the document as of the date of the June 2016 meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Council noted to review actions tagged to the sportsfish and game management plan that give consideration to the status of coarse fish and enhanced fisheries at the next review. These actions are to be recorded in an ongoing list.

GOVERNANCE POLICIES REVIEW

Motion proposed: **Council instruct the Manager to put in place a review process focusing on Health and Safety and Personnel Policy as soon as practicable.**

Proposer: R Roney Secunder: D Heine Outcome: Withdrawn

Motion proposed: **Council review the Governance Policies via individual member's input/consultation, including that of the Manager, with feedback provided by each Council member to the Council Chairperson within 3 months.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That Council discuss the review of Governance Policies at the July meeting along with Health and Safety and postpone the Walking Access Commission consultation to the August meeting. This motion is to supersede the previous motions regarding the Walking Access Commission attendance at the next Council meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

PRIVATE USE OF FISH AND GAME BOAT

Motion proposed: **That this issue and other Fish and Game assets subject to private use be addressed through the development of a Personnel Policy.**

Proposer: A Harris Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Heine asked that Council meetings be digitally recorded.

Motion proposed: **That Council digitally record meetings in an audio file.**

Proposer: D Heine Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **That Council address the use of the recordings through the Governance Policy review.**

Proposer: M Smith Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **In order that the Manager can fully participate in Council meetings, a specialised minute taker be used.**

Proposer: R Roney Secunder: M Smith Outcome: Carried

Mr Shaw notified the Council that Ben Hodgson is keen to attend council meetings as a DoC representative.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Chair..... Date.....