

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2017 AT GREYMOUTH AT 7:00P.M.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome to members.

PRESENT: Andy Harris (Chair), Jan Derks, Mark Smith, Bruce Erickson, Dean Phibbs and Owen Smith.

In attendance: Glen Newton (DoC), Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Fish and Game Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker).

APOLOGIES:

Motion proposed: **That the apologies from Rob Roney and David Heine be accepted.**

Proposer: B Erickson Secunder: J Derks Outcome: Carried

AGENDA

The council agreed on the circulated agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public requested an opportunity to speak.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were registered by councillors or staff.

ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST

Mr M Smith offered to draft a meeting schedule and circulate prior to the next meeting.

MINUTES

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the April 2017 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr Harris queried the potential impact on dogs based on material contained in the Battle for the Birds correspondence, and a concern expressed by Mr Roney to Mr Harris prior to the meeting, about the application of 1080 in proximity to waterways. Mr Newton provided an overview of processes. Mr Kelly committed to providing an update to gamebird hunters regarding setbacks from waterways prior to the 2018 gamebird season.

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

Proposer: J Derks Secunder: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

8.1 Licence Options

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council supports the licence fees for the 2017/2018 season proposed by the NZ Council.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

8.2 Email from Rob Roney regarding gamebird populations.

Mr Crosswell provided an overview of the recently completed Pukeko counts in response. Mr O Smith requested that Pukeko counts be added in the Waimangaroa area. Mr Kelly thanked Mr Roney for the information and encouraged all councillors to provide information to staff when encountered.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

OPERATIONAL REPORT

Mr Kelly replied to questions on the pre-circulated operational report. Mr Kelly provided a verbal update on some preliminary back country survey results. Mr Kelly asked the council for input into providing and revising a list of rivers circulated by Robert Sowman (NZ Council, Policy and Planning Manager) for use in regulation setting.

Motion proposed: **That the West Coast Fish and Game Council does not support listing all West Coast fisheries in the regulations. The West Coast Council encourages anglers to explore the West Coast region's waterways and find their own fisheries. The listing of these waterways has potential to spoil this aspect for some of the more remote and sensitive fisheries.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

Mr Crosswell gave an overview of the opening weekend results from the Game Harvest Survey.

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

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Mr Kelly received questions on the pre-circulated Health and Safety report.

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Mr Harris provided a verbal overview of the recent NZ Council meeting, noting a replacement CEO process is in progress, a Governance forum is proposed, importance of tourism, a Salmon symposium is scheduled, Legal Fund applications, Didymo research, licence sales and the attendance of the DG of Conservation.

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

Proposer: A Harris Second: D Phibbs Outcome: Carried

DRIFT DIVE REPORT

Mr Crosswell presented and received questions on the pre-circulated Drift Dive Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Drift Dive Report be received and its recommendations be adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: M Smith Outcome: Carried

GREYLARD MONITORING REPORT

Mr Crosswell presented the pre-circulated report. He also alerted the council to the imminent expiry of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gloriavale Christian Community. The council committed to reviewing the conditions over the next two meetings upon receipt of the Annual Management Report.

Motion proposed: **That the Greylard Monitoring Report be received and its recommendations be adopted.**

Proposer: J Derks Second: B Erickson Outcome: Carried

Mr M Smith encouraged staff to investigate a later season inspection of Greylard distribution to ensure the accuracy of the monitoring data.

Motion proposed: **That the council endorse an unbudgeted aerial survey of Greylards post gamebird season for 2017.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: M Smith Outcome: Carried

RISK MANAGEMENT

The council reviewed and provided feedback to the Manager on the draft annual Risk Management Plan.

ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Motion proposed: **That the Operational Workplan for 2017/2018 be adopted.**

Proposer: D Phibbs Second: J Derks Outcome: Carried

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSERVATION

Mr Newton informed the Council of successful restoration and remediation of the historic mine contamination at Waiuta. Mr Newton also made the council aware of a net being placed in the Ahaura River. Mr Kelly apologised for the lack of action on this due to the unavailability of staff at the time.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.

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