

One hundred and fifty third meeting of the
New Zealand Fish and Game Council
20th July 2021
By Zoom

PRESENT

NZ Councillors:

Ray Grubb (Chair), Debbie Oakley, Noel Birchall, Andy Harris, Dan Isbister, Nigel Juby, Dave Harris, Richard McIntyre, Dave Coll, Gerard Karalus, Greg Duley.

NZC Staff:

Di Taylor, Acting Chief Executive, Carmel Veitch CFO, Jack Kós Senior Policy Advisor.

Guests:

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1. Welcome and Chairperson's Introduction

- Meeting started 7pm
- Councillors were introduced to Di Taylor and introduced themselves

2. Apologies received

- Cr. O'Leary

Moved: Dave Harris & Coll

Motion Passed

3. Conflicts of Interest

- Acting CE detailed conflict of interest process and how this applies to the topics today. Specifically, when a conflict arises you need to notify the council of it. We can record that, and you would abstain from an opinion.

4. Season Bag Limit Funding Bid

Agenda item centred on an exceptional funding bid for North Canterbury, Central South Island and New Zealand Fish and Game councils to spend \$10,894 from reserves for a total of \$32,682 to fund the administration and production of the season bag limit card for sea run salmon.

- Moved Crs. Karalus & Birchall
- Discussion around financial implications and where funds will come from. CV noted both regions are well ahead of anticipated licence sales.
- Question whether this should be funded by NZC solely. Noted this is solely for the benefit of two regions.

1. *That NZC resolve that New Zealand, North Canterbury and Central South Island Fish and Game councils would each be approved to spend \$10,894 (including a \$5k contingency) from reserves.*

Moved: Crs. Karalus & Birchall
Motion passed. Cr. Isbister abstained.

- Record that we look at a fee for the card next season.
- Cr. Coll noted that the season bag limit is linked to the helicopter flights that NC put a separate funding bid in for.
- Chair noted that NC council agreed to hold to their original approved budgets with the exception that they have asked for \$45k for helicopter flights for salmon monitoring. Budget needs to be confirmed as administratively feasible before going to managers and NZC. At that point NZC will be asked to approve the additional funding from NC reserves with a proviso that there is no ability to top up if fall below 20%.

5. NM Legal/RMA Funding Application

Agenda item centred on a legal/RMA funding application for Nelson Marlborough arising from the Marlborough District Council’s plan change.

- Chair explained that this was approved in principle at April budget round but deferred because it was suggested it should go through the legal/rma fund not CF. Noted that Tasman District Council’s refusal to implement NPS had made this more urgent.
- CE confirmed will have short list by next week for RM position, funding for which is to come from the 21/22 RMA budget.
- Questioned currently have a figure of \$500K in the 21/22 RMA budget that Crs. haven’t seen breakdown on how it is to be utilised. Need to be careful chipping away at it early on.
- Chair clarified the intention of this budget is to support NPS FM and NES introduction into regional plans.
- CFO clarified the funding structure and what is spent/committed from this year. Confirmed the NM funding requested could come out of this year’s fund.
- Confirmed minimal chance for cost blow out.

1 *That NZC approves \$40,000 from Legal/RMA for Nelson Marlborough, comprising \$5,000 for legal support, \$20,000 for RMA planning support and \$15,000 for hydrological/ecological expert advice.*

Moved: Crs. Grubb/Juby
Motion Carried

6. Public Excluded Motion

That the New Zealand Fish and Game Council:

(a) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE
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		PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
<i>Commercial Game Preserves</i>	<i>Section 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA The withholding of information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.</i>	<i>Section 48(1)(a)(ii) 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.</i>

(b) And that staff remain to provide advice to the Council on all items.

Moved: Crs. Isbister/McIntyre.

Motion Passed

Resolutions brought out from PE to Public.

1. *That NZC rescinds its decision in November 2020 and supports DOC's Option 2A that commercial game preserves continue to operate per a Ministerial Notice and that pheasants are deemed wildlife in the areas designated by this Notice and game in all other areas.*

AND

That the decision reached is communicated to DOC.

Moved: Cr. Duley/Karalus

For 7, against 4 (Cr. D. Harris & Cr. Birchall would like objection noted).

Motion carried

- No general business raised.
- Chair thanked NZC for consideration given to this. It is a challenging proposition, and you have all given it a considerable amount of deep thought.
- Meeting closed 8:30.

Meeting close