

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held via video link on Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present: S Gerard D Isbister
S Bannister L Koevoet
B Growcott C McKenzie
M Hall A Simpson (Chair)
C Fulton

In Attendance:

F&G Staff: J Graybill, B Dolan.

21-054 APOLOGIES:

A Brooks.

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet)

21-057

THAT THE APOLOGY OF A BROOKS BE ACCEPTED.

21-055 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register or any conflicts, or perceived conflicts, between their current interests and the business of tonight's meeting? D Isbister advised that he is no longer part of the NOSLAM Steering Committee and no longer on the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee.

21-056 CHAIR'S REPORT:

056.1 Fish and Game Elections

Chair explained that historically the CSI Fish and Game Council has had 12 elected Councillors, but it can resolve to change the number of Councillors to less than 12. He felt that a smaller Council of eight elected members and one Ngai Tahu representative member may be more appropriate for the CSI Region. Making this change voluntarily, before legislation is enacted to implement Recommendation 10 would demonstrate a willingness by CSI to respond positively to concerns underlying the Ministerial Review. Another finding of the Review is that Fish and Game councils have a disproportionately high number of governors compared to the number of staff.

Moved (Hall/Growcott)

THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE INFORM ELECTIONZ THAT:

1. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN EIGHT; AND
2. ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER REPRESENTING NGAI TAHU SHALL BE CO-OPTED TO COUNCIL; AND
3. THE NUMBER OF SUB-REGIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED (AT SIX) FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2021 COUNCIL ELECTION.

There was a general discussion on the topic, with some Councillors questioning the advisability of reducing councillor numbers while others were supportive. It was generally felt that with fewer members, it would be more likely that an election would be



held, therefore promoting democracy. A council made up of eight members made it more likely that licence holders would get to vote for whom they wished to represent them.

There was discussion about the number of sub-regions. Some opposed leaving the number at six with a council made up of fewer members. They believed it would be less democratic and open to manipulation. Chair responded that he considered it was desirable to maintain the number of sub-regions while amalgamation with North Canterbury is still mooted. Chief Executive explained that the starting point for Council is the *Fish and Game Council Elections Regulations 1990*, and CSI are bound by those regulations.

Chair advised that Council is not able to change election regulation rules pertaining to elections in sub-regions, but it can decide to reduce the number of Councillors. The CE was asked to clarify how the process of sub-regions works. CE advised that the highest polling candidate for each sub-region is elected to represent that sub-region with the remaining candidates being elected at large.

It was **AGREED** to vote individually on each part of the motion.

Resolved (Hall/Growcott)

21-058

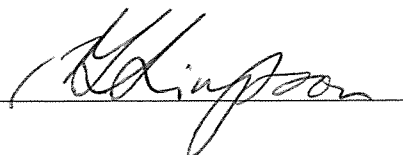
THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE INFORM ELECTIONZ THAT FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2021 COUNCIL ELECTION:

- **ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER REPRESENTIGN NGAI TAHU SHALL BE CO-OPTED TO COUNCIL (Unanimous) AND,**
- **THE NUMBER OF SUB-REGIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED (AT SIX) (6 For, 2 Against) AND,**
- **THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN EIGHT (7 For, 1 Against, 1 abstention).**

Meeting closed: 8:35 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 16th September 2021.

Signed



Date

30/9/21