

21-062 DEPUTATION:

John deWit

Mr deWit addressed the Council on the following topics: Farewell to Councillors standing down, Chair's Report, Deputations, Sports Fish and Game Management Plan and OWP, Lake Heron fishery, Canal fishery, Sea-run Salmon, and Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee.

Chair thanked Mr deWit for his input.

21-063 RECEIVE OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

Resolved (Brooks/Growcott)

21-062

THAT THE OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 BE RECEIVED.

21-064 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

064.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing (7.1)

Chief Executive gave Council an update on the CSI financial situation noting that the YTD expenditure stands at 101% of total budget. He reported that both fish licence income and game licence income were better than expected compared to the previous year, even considering the effects of Covid. He projected that CSIFGC would report a financial surplus for the FY 2020/21 of about \$100,000. In addition, Council was working to a deficit budget of about \$106,000. Therefore, he believed that Council would achieve a positive turn-around of approximately \$206,000 for the financial year. Chair responded that this was an astonishingly good outcome.

Resolved (Hall/Koevoet)

21-063

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2021 AND AUGUST 2021 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$81,155.08, AND \$243,041.37, RESPECTIVELY.

21-065 CHAIR'S REPORT:

065.1 Ministerial Review (8.1)

Chair thanked each of the five members of Council who were standing down at the completion of the current term. He expressed his gratitude to Chanaide Fulton, Alan Brooks, Brent Growcott, Daniel Isbister and Matthew Hall for the work they have done on behalf of the CSI Council.

065.2 CSI Finances (8.2)

Chair advised that through careful management Council's expenditure has tracked within 1% of the annual budget. He believed Council is indebted to Jay Graybill for his expert financial management through this difficult period where Covid-19 restrictions have caused uncertainties.

065.3 South Island Chairs' Meeting

Chair advised that he had met with other SI Chairs in September to discuss matters of common interest. Chairs agreed that a proposal for some members of Councils to be paid and others unpaid was unacceptable; that regions are willing to take action in respect of issues identified in the Ministerial Review but consider that many of the specific recommendations are unwise; and that regions benefit greatly from the participation of Ngai Tahu representatives.



065.4 CSI Fish and Game Accomplishments

Chair expressed his dismay that from time to time some Members have commented “we haven’t achieved anything” and that some members have gone so far as to say we have ‘failed’ in some respects. He commented that staff have done a great deal of work that is not always acknowledged. He added that it is Council’s job to govern and make it possible for staff to do the work that they do.

Chair reminded Council it had systematically reviewed and updated the governance framework under which it operates and successfully managed its finances through a severely challenging pandemic period. He summarised the work performed by CSI staff to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resource noting that in 2018 staff achieved 96% of the OWP objectives, in 2019 staff achieved 99% of the OWP objectives and in 2020 staff achieved 91% of the OWP objectives despite 7 weeks of mandatory lockdown over that period.

He encouraged the next council to develop a strategy to make better use of the media, work collaboratively with other FGCs, be vigilant to manage its relationship with the NZC, and strengthen its relationship with rūnanga. He concluded that CSI is in a position of strength.

M Hall thanked Chair for his report and what it signalled to him is the amount of work that staff do and agreed they need to be thanked for that. He reminded Council that there is very little discretionary spending available to Council. Overheads are fixed and CSI’s levy, for which Council has no control, take the lion’s share of CSI’s income. Chair agreed that the levy is Council’s single biggest item, and he cannot see the value that CSI is getting.

S Gerard commented that the Council has reviewed the Performance of the CE once and has reviewed its own performance zero times. He felt that few of Council’s Strategic Goals had been advanced, little progress had been made on the Salmon Management Plan and queried how new or old Councillors know what staff are doing with no inventory.

D Isbister thanked the Chair for his report as he has been told that staff often only hear what they have done wrong.

Chief Executive responded to councillor comments. He pointed out that all outcomes in Council’s Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 have a series of objectives in the Council-approved OWP. He noted that much information is provided to councillors in the form of regular Operations and Staff Reports, plus a number of other means, such as 30 weekly fishing reports per year via email to 33,000 subscribers, “Reel-Life” and “Both Barrels” e-zines to some 35,000 and 13,500 subscribers, respectively, and numerous articles in special editions of the “*Fish & Game NZ*” magazine. He felt that Councillors should make themselves aware of these sources and refer anglers and hunters to them if they complain about not being informed.

M Hall added that Staff write their reports at a high intellectual level, and it is impossible for Councillors to try and be on the same wavelength. Chair added that Councillors are here to be Governors and are not the experts.

Chief Executive added that he doesn't expect Governors to understand the technical aspects of reports but would request that they put trust that Staff are working to a high level of competence. He concluded, leave Management to do the managing and Councillors to focus on Governance. Chair added that Council needs to gain an understanding of the separation between Governance and Management.

21-066 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

066.1 Draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan (9.1)

CE advised that the next phase of preparing the SFGMP before submitting to the Minister is to publicly notify the draft per section 17M(2) of the Conservation Act 1987. This is the opportunity for licence holders, partners, organisations and the general public to make submissions and have input into the document, which establishes objectives for the management of sports fish and game birds within the CSI Region for the 10-year period, 2022 to 2032.

Resolved (Isbister/Koevoet)

21-064

THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT THE DRAFT CSI SPORTS FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN BE PUBLICLY NOTIFIED PER SECTION 17M OF THE CONSERVATION ACT.

066.2 Hydro Canal Fishery Management (Scoping Document) (9.2)

Councillors congratulated Rhys Adams and Mark Webb on this report. The report identifies the current values of the canal fishery, possible threats causing loss or decline of the fishery, and information gaps. The top 5 projects have been prioritised by staff based on outcomes in CSIFGC's Strategic Plan. Each project is ranked according to the long-term sustainability of the fishery, staff time, funding, and the likelihood of the project's ultimate success.

Resolved (McKenzie/Growcott)

21-065

- 1. THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE HYDRO CANAL FISHERY SCOPING DOCUMENT REPORT.**
- 2. THAT DURING THE 2021/22 OPERATIONAL YEAR STAFF PRODUCE A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR PROJECT 1.1 AND UNDERTAKE PROJECT 6.1 AS PROVIDED FOR AS OBJECTIVE 1.1.25 IN THE 2021/22 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN.**
- 3. THAT COUNCIL NOTES PROJECTS 1.1, 6.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.3 AS "TOP 5" PRIORITIES TOWARDS IMPROVING THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE CANAL FISHERY FOR CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE OPERATIONAL WORK PLANS.**
- 4. THAT A THREE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE PROJECT SCHEDULE AND "TOP 5" PRIORITIES BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN.**

066.3 J Couper Resignation (9.3)

CE advised that Jayde Couper has resigned his position at CSI Fish and Game to take up a position with Otago Fish and Game.

Resolved (Simpson/Growcott)

21-066

THAT COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO JAYDE COUPER FOR THE WORK HE HAS DONE FOR CSI FISH AND GAME.

066.4 Public Availability of Council Minutes (9.5)

CE provided Council with screenshots from the Fish and Game website showing that CSI Council minutes have been uploaded bi-monthly onto the website since 2016.

066.5 Risk Register (9.4)

CE provided the latest Risk Register.

21-067 MEMBER'S REPORT:

067.1 Governance Training for Council Members (A Simpson)

Chair introduced his report noting that there appears to be an uneven understanding of governance with this Council. He reported that if regional Fish and Game Councils are to continue to enjoy their present level of autonomy it is imperative that they achieve higher, and more uniform, levels of understanding of the principles of good governance. He therefore recommended that CSIFGC should give effect to recommendation 16 of the Governance Review by funding the attendance of four Council members annually at a relevant accredited training course.

He believed that members attending such a course could achieve a significant improvement in understanding the principles of good governance, at a very modest cost. As this is not an expense for which Council have already made allowance in its budget, he recommended that Council should fund this from reserves. The first four members to participate in the training can be agreed by the new Council following the election currently underway.

C Fulton highly recommended the course by the Institute of Directors as this was a course she had personally undertaken.

Resolved (Simpson/Fulton)

21-067

THAT COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FROM RESERVES THE PARTICIPATION OF FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS IN THE "GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS" COURSE OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (OR AN EQUIVALENT PROGRAM) DURING 2022.

067.2 Salmon Fishery (A Brooks)

A Brooks advised that in response to a challenge from the Chair he had invited 16 experienced salmon anglers to discuss the salmon fishery and the potential restoration of the fishery. He wished Council to consider meeting with anglers to discuss restoration of the fishery.

M Hall felt there was an advantage of a single topic workshop in that anglers need to be educated. By holding a workshop he would hope that anglers will get something out of it and CSI will get something out of it.

Resolved (Koevoet/Brooks)

21-068

THAT THIS COUNCIL RECOMMENDS TO THE INCOMING COUNCIL THAT THEY HOLD A WORKSHIOP WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN



REGARD TO THE SALMON FISHERY CRISIS AS EARLY AS IS PRACTICAL IN 2022.

067.3 M Hall – Thank You

M Hall addressed Council on his 30 years with Fish and Game and his time before that on the Ashburton Acclimatisation Society. He highlighted issues that CSI Fish and Game faced over the last 30 years making mention of former Councillors, some who were no longer with us, who made significant contributions in their time with CSI. He made mention of his time serving as Chair and thanked CSI's current Chair Andrew Simpson, and former Chair Gary Rooney for their exceptional efforts. He thanked D Isbister for his time on the NZ Council and thanked Staff (former and current) for their knowledge, and dedication to Fish and Game.

B Dolan and J Graybill thanked M Hall for his support of them and the other staff over his years as Councillor and Chair. B Dolan added that a valuable lesson she will take from her time with Matthew on the Council was how skilled he was at being able to disagree with people on issues in a respectful and professional way.

21-068 NZFGC REPORT:

D Isbister spoke to his report to Council on the following NZC matters:

- Mervyn English has retired from DOC and the new appointee is Bruce Parkes.
- NZC has rolled over its commitment to top up reserves if a region falls below 20%.
- Establishment of a dedicated Staff Development Grant Reserve.
- Salmon spawning monitoring cost (flights) approved for North Canterbury. It is hoped that CSI and NC staff develop a joint monitoring programme.
- Remuneration Committee re-established.
- Review implementation still ongoing.

D Isbister advised this was his last report on NZC matters. He noted that a lot of challenges had been faced over the past three years and many changes have been implemented.

21-069 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION:

Resolved (Growcott/Koevoet) at 9:50 pm

21-069

THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING, NAMELY -

HEALTH AND SAFETY (14.1)

THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED, THE REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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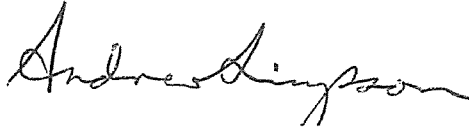
Relationship with Licence Holders	OIA section 9(2)(a)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.
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20-070 PUBLIC MEETING RESUMED:

Council resumed in open session at 10:20 pm.

Meeting closed: 10:20 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 11th November 2021.



4/11/2021

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