

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND  
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD  
AT 10 AM ON 17 MAY 2022, AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

**Present:** Owen Baigent  
Jean Willis  
Steve Holmes  
Felix Borenstein (left meeting at 2.20)  
Tom Kroos  
David Haynes  
Sebastien Den Doncker  
Nick King

**Present Remotely**  
Bill Cash from 10 am  
Guy Gardiner from 1pm

**In Attendance**  
Rhys Barrier Manager  
Karen Crook Secretary  
Lawson Davey Field Officer  
Jacob Lucas Field Officer

**In Attendance Remotely**  
Vaughan Lyn Field Officer

**1. APOLOGIES**

Keepa Timms (Ngai Tahu Representative), Ian McLeod

**C1/05/22 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED**  
**T Kroos/D Haynes**  
**CARRIED**

Councillor Willis was against the acceptance of Ian McLeod's apology. It was noted that discussion around meeting dates and the ability of Councillor McLeod to attend meetings will be discussed under general business.

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER**

One letter received 13 May from NZC Chair Ray Grubb on "Funding Provision for Implementation of the Ministerial Review and the Resource Allocation Project" was added to Correspondence In.

**3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No changes to the Annual Agenda

Councillors signed the Conflict register and identified whether there were any topics to be discussed at this meeting they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest.

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**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

C2/05/22 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.  
J Willis/S Holmes  
CARRIED

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE**

5.1 The Council went into committee so those not present last meeting could receive an update.

***PUBLIC EXCLUDED***

C3/05/22 MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED UNDER SECTION 48(1) (A) (I) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 DURING DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE, AS THE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO COUNCIL'S REQUIRMENT TO PROTECT INFORMATION WHICH IS SUBJECT TO AN OBLIGATION OF CONFIDENCE  
D Haynes/T Kroos  
CARRIED

C4/05/22 MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL GO INTO COMMITTEE  
D Haynes/T Kroos  
CARRIED  
10.15am

C5/05/22 MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL COME OUT OF COMMITTEE  
D Haynes/T Kroos  
CARRIED  
10.20am

5.2 The Manager was asked to send the current draft Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan out to all Councillors so discussion can be had at the July Council meeting with the aim of sending it out for public consultation in August 2022.

**ACTION MANAGER**

**6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

C6/05/22 MOVE THAT THE MARCH AND APRIL 2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TALLING \$126,964.98 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT

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**D Haynes/ F Borenstein  
CARRIED**

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

**7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted

**8. FISH COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

**C7/05/22      MOVE                      THAT THE FISH COMMITTEE REPORT BE  
ACCEPTED  
J Willis/F Borenstein  
CARRIED**

**8.1 22/23 Anglers Notice**

**C8/05/22      MOVE                      THAT THE FISH COMMITTEE'S DRAFT  
ANGLERS NOTICE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE  
22/23 SEASON  
J Willis/F Borenstein  
CARRIED**

Approved changes

1. Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa daily limit be reduced from 4 fish per day to 2 fish per day.
2. The boundary of the Upper Wairau designated fishery by moved to the six-mile.

**8.2 Pressure Sensitive Fisheries**

The Council agreed to support the Fish Committees recommendation that this Council support in principle the pressure sensitive fishery paper - the following suggestions will be sent through to the NZC for consideration

1. subject to some regional flexibility
2. the term designated waters would be a better term than back country fishery which is like the term used overseas
3. a flat fee purchased up front at the time of purchasing a whole season non-resident instead of the per diem charge
4. the number of designated waters per NR angler per region needs to be reviewed considering proposed regional amalgamations
5. Guides licence interfaces intimately with the Pressure Sensitive Fishery framework so these two pieces of work need to be actioned ASAP.

**9. REPORT ON CHAIRS MEETING IN WELLINGTON APRIL 2022. – Councillor  
Jean Willis**

Councillor Jean Willis represented this Council at the Wellington meeting as the Chair had tested positive to COVID 19. Councillor Willis spoke to his written report. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that 4 Councillors from this region Tom Kroos, Owen Baigent, Jean

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Willis and David Haynes would attend a meeting between West Coast, NM and North Canterbury to discuss a possible 3-way merger as outlined in the Hunt report.

**10. 22-23 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION.**

C9/05/22 **MOVE** **THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT THE 2022/23 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISH LICENCE FEE IS SET AT \$145 AND THAT THE ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE IS SET AT \$107(INCLUSIVE OF A \$5 FEE FOR THE GAME BIRD HABITAT STAMP), WITH ALL PROPORTIONAL CHARGES TO REMAINING LICENCE FEES AND CATEGORIES INCLUDING A \$5 FEE BEING ADDED TO THE SEA RUN SALMON LICENCE ENDORSEMENT (AS A COST RECOVERY MECHANISM). 22/23 SEASON**  
J Willis/D Haynes  
**CARRIED**

C10/05/22 **MOVE** **THAT THE THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT, ADDITIONAL TO THE ABOVE LICENCE FEE INCREASE, THE ADULT WHOLE SEASON NON-RESIDENT LICENCE FEE IS INCREASED TO \$250 AND THAT THE FEE FOR THE REMAINING NON-RESIDENT LICENCE CATEGORIES ARE INCREASED ON THE SAME RATIO.**  
J Willis/D Haynes  
**CARRIED**

C11/05/22 **MOVE** **THAT THE THIS COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT THAT A NEW LICENCE CATEGORY IS ESTABLISHED CALLED A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE, AVAILABLE AS A FREE SEASON ENDORSEMENT TO RESIDENT ANGLERS AND AS A DAY LICENCE TO NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS AT A FEE OF \$50. THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THAT A NEW LICENCE CATEGORY IS ESTABLISHED CALLED A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE, AVAILABLE AS A FREE SEASON ENDORSEMENT TO RESIDENT ANGLERS AND A FLAT FEE OF AT LEAST \$250 BE SET INSTEAD OF A PER DIEM CHARGE TO NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS.**  
S Den Doncker /D Haynes  
**CARRIED**

2 Councillors abstain

*Rational*

After discussion whilst accepting the concept of a designated waters licence, the Council felt a per diem charge was unwieldy and too difficult to administer. It was considered that non-resident anglers would rather pay an upfront flat fee at the time of their NR licence purchase if they intended to fish any designated waters. The majority of Council (2 abstentions) then agreed that a flat fee of at least \$250 (in





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**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

9.1 Meeting Dates – it was agreed that the secretary would look at the rest of this year’s meeting dates to see which ones fall in the school holidays and which ones could be moved to during school holidays in the hope that this would assist Councillor McLeod in attending meetings, the secretary would then email Councillor McLeod with this option for his response.

9.2 Promoting the need for a Sports Fishing Licence – Councillor Haynes was concerned that a lot of the public are not aware that you need a sports fishing licence to fish for sports fish, general discussion was held. No further action required.

9.3 Jet Boats on the Motueka River - Councillor Den Doncker expressed concerns about jet boats on the Motueka River and effects jet boats have on other users, the invertebrate life, spawning and possible breaching of the WCO and not abiding by speed limits. Discussion was held and it was suggested that the TDC Harbour Master and the local Jet Boat Association be made aware of the issues as a first step.

9.4 Council requested that the Health & Safety Report be moved further up the agenda.

**ACTION SECRETARY**

**MEETING CLOSED 3.48 pm**

Chair *O. A. Baigent* Dated *19-7* 2022