

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING

At the **February 2023 Council Meeting** on **15 Feb 2023** these minutes were **confirmed with the following changes:**

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Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Thursday, 17 November 2022
Time:	3:30 pm to 5:45 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), DAVE BARRON, DAVE COLL, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Apologies:	GRAEME NAHKIES, CHRIS BRANKIN
Guests/Notes:	Staff - Lyndon Slater and Jonathan Larrson, Emily Craig and Harry Graham-Samson (late)

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

1.2 Karakia

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora!

Translation:

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

1.3 Interests Register

All Councillor's names are added stating "nothing to declare".

1.4 Conformation of Minutes

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting 22 Sep 2022, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Minutes

Minutes from 22 September 2022 confirmed.

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 2021/2022 Statement of Service and Performance

Noted errors were corrected and an explanation of the final audit process was given.



Statement of Service and Performance

That the 2021/2022 Statement of Service and Performance be accepted.

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

2.2 Game Bird Regulations Review

Black Swan Season

The framework for issuing permits to disturb or control game birds for crop protection is currently being discussed with landowners and Iwi, with the intention of creating a Memorandum of Understanding and updated management framework for game bird control outside the open hunting season.



Black Swan Season

The August open hunting season for black swans is removed from the Game Notice, and the hunting of black swans shall cease on the last weekend of July. To assist landowners with any crop predation issues, the existing disturbance or control permit system will be used to assess, quantify and manage any issues as they arise.

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: DAVE BARRON
Outcome: Approved

Summer Mallard Hunting Season

Options developed by staff for the council to consider are;

- a. The summer season for the 2023 Game Notice is the first two weekends in February 2024 (3-4 and 10-11 February which is consistent with the CSI summer mallard season dates.
- b. The summer mallard duck hunting season is 3-4 and 10-11 February 2024 in Area B only and no hunting shall be permitted in Area A.
- c. The summer mallard duck hunting season is removed from the 2023 Game Notice.

The staff's recommendation is for Option B.



Summer Mallard Hunting Season

The summer mallard duck hunting season is 3-4 and 10-11 February 2024 in Area B only and no hunting shall be permitted in Area A.

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: KEN LLOYD
Outcome: Approved

Gamebird Regulations - Other Changes

Shoveler Ducks

To close a loophole in the aggregate bag limit and to have national consistency, it is the intention to remove shoveler ducks from the total aggregate bag limit on opening weekend and introduce a 2-bag limit for them. This would mean that on Game Bird season opening day a hunter could shoot an aggregate bag of 25 grey/mallard ducks, 20 paradise ducks, and 2 shoveler ducks.

Water Body

Noted that consistent wording was required in the Game Bird regulations and in Schedule 1 when mentioning "water body".



Game Bird Regulation Changes - Other Changes

1. **Shoveler Ducks** - Remove shoveler ducks from the aggregate bag limit on opening weekend.
2. **Paradise Shelducks** - In the summer paradise shelduck season, hunting is restricted to locations 200 metres or more from open water.

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Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

Gamebird Season Dates for the 2023 Gamebird Season

Noted that for this season observe/monitor cock pheasant take and if required make changes to the regulations in the 2024 season.



2023 Game Season Dates

That the dates for the 2023 Game Notice are;

SPECIES	SEASON DURATION	DAILY BAG LIMIT	HUNTING AREAS
Grey and mallard	6 and 7 May 2023	25	All areas

duck aggregate bag limit			
Grey, mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	8 May to 30 July	15	All areas
	3-4 and 10-11 February 2024	10	Area B only - only over agricultural grain crops and green feed paddocks and more than 200 metres from a water body
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 July	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 July	20	Area A
	6 May to 17 September	20	Area B
	3 Feb to 10 March	15	Area A and only more than 200 metres from any water body
	3 Feb to 10 March	20	Area B and only more than 200 metres from any water body
Pukeko	6 May to 24 September	5	All areas
Black Swan	6 May to 30 July	2	All areas
California Quail	6 May to 27 August	10	All areas
Cock Pheasant	3-4 June, 1-2 July and 5-6 August	1	All areas
Chukar	Closed Season	0	All areas

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Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.3 Non-Resident Levy - Licence Fee Consultation

Currently, the non-resident levy is used to complement operational activities and going forward should be spent regionally to benefit the fishery that the non-resident angler pays for use. Noted that 84% of total non-resident anglers coming to New Zealand were fishing in the South Island and if funds were shared between regions then they should be ringfenced geographically.



Non Resident Levy - Licence Fee Consultation

That NCFG Council agrees that the non-resident levy funds should not be considered as general licence income, and consequently should remain in regional dedicated reserves for fisheries projects; and

That NCFG Council resolves to support Auckland/Waikato Council's recommendation to NZC that "prior notification of expenditure from the regional non-resident reserve is no longer desirable".

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconded: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

2.4 Council Meeting Dates

Rural meeting dates and workshops are seen as quite an expense but the benefit for Councillors to "socialise and get to know one another" and to engage with stakeholders was seen as beneficial.



Meeting Dates for 2023

All meetings are to commence at 5.30 pm on the third Wednesday of every month outlined and unless otherwise stated will be held at 595 Johns Road, Harewood at the North Canterbury Fish and Game offices.

The 2023 meeting and workshop dates are as follows;

15 February 2023	
15 March 2023	Draft Budget and OWP
24 May 2023	Fish regulations and licence fee recommendation
19 July 2023	Proposed rural meeting - 3.30 pm start
20 September 2023	
22 November 2023	Game Bird regulations (3.30 pm start) and AGM (6.30 pm start)
	Council Workshops
18 - 19 February 2023	Planning and strategy workshop - venue to be confirmed
10 August 2023	End of financial year review

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Mover: ALAN STRONG
Seconded: NIALL COSTER
Outcome: Approved

3. STANDARD REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

The Regional Councils Chair's meetings are co-ordinated by Cr Strong. A collective letter was sent by Regional Chair's to NZC seeking clarification as to who was on the implementation steering committee and what was happening with that committee, as progress on mergers of regions was at a standstill.

Suggested that councilors have input into the Chair's meetings with processes discussed.

3.2 CEO / Staff Activity Report

Councillor's congratulated staff on the quality of the Reports presented which were taken as read.

Lake Coleridge Fishing Competition

Staff were complimented on the organisation of the Lake Coleridge fishing competition and both staff and rangers' interaction with the public was well received.

The inclusion of Lake Georgina and Lake Selfe in the fishing competition was discussed. As the competition was based on the weight of a fish, the question of including a catch and release category for competitions on these lakes was raised.

It was recommended that the management and framework of the competition be reviewed, prior to the 2023 fishing season.



STANDARD REPORTS

That the Chairman's verbal report and the following reports be taken as read;

CEO/Staff Activity Report, Finance Report, Health and Safety Report, RMA Report, and the Rakaia WCO Report.

Decision Date:	17 Nov 2022
Mover:	DAVE BARRON
Seconder:	PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome:	Approved

3.3 Finance Report

3.4 Health and Safety Report

3.5 RMA Report

3.6 Rakaia WCO Report

3.7 FIF Governors Update

3.8 NZC Report

4. FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Lake Coleridge Fishing Competition Overview

Discussed in Reports Section.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 USE OF RESERVES

Use of Reserves for the Rental Property

Agreed that more than one quote be obtained for consideration when any work is undertaken on the rental property and that a Healthy Homes audit be completed to guide and enable emergency repairs to be completed.

5.2 Reforming Financial Management



Reforming Financial Management

That the NCFGFC requests that NZC take steps to reform the organisation's financial management and financial allocation system to allow governors at both the national and regional levels make to financial decisions for which they are accountable.

Cr O'Keefe against

Decision Date: 17 Nov 2022
Mover: NIALL COSTER
Seconder: KEN LLOYD
Outcome: Approved



Reforming Financial Management

Cr Strong to write a letter on behalf of the Council requesting that NZC take steps to reform the organisation's financial management and financial allocation system to allow governors at both the national and regional levels make to financial decisions for which they are accountable.

Due Date: 31 Dec 2022
Owner: ALAN STRONG

6. PUBLIC SESSION

6.1 Public Session

State of High Country Fisheries

Cr Lloyd signaled that this be on the agenda for the Council Workshop in February.

Take a Kid Fishing

Cr Coster signaled that discussions for the Council Workshop in February required to be had around sustainable fishing ponds for children.

Winnemem Wintu Project

Consideration was required to be given on the amount of salmon that would be required to be killed for pathogen testing in various spawning catchments for this Project.

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - North Canterbury Fish and Game Council - 17 Nov 2022, 6:38 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner
5.2	Reforming Financial Management Due Date: 31 Dec 2022	ALAN STRONG

Signature: _____

Date: _____