

**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018, AT THE WESTLAND RECREATION CENTRE, GREYMOUTH AT 7:16 PM.**

Meeting commenced at 7:16 pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:** Andy Harris (Chair), Rob Roney, Jan Derks, Mark Smith, Bruce Erickson, David Heine, Owen Smith, Dean Phibbs.

*In attendance:* Tim Shaw (DoC), Dean Kelly (Manager), Lee Crosswell (Field Officer), Kim McPherson (Office Administrator & Minute Taker), William Wilson (Ngai Tahu Rep.).

**APOLOGIES:**

No apologies were received.

**AGENDA**

Salmon farming on the Arnold river was added to the agenda. Dr M Adams' letter was received as late correspondence and was added to the agenda for discussion.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No public present.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were registered.

**ACCUMULATIVE ACTIONS LIST**

Mr Derks noted two items for date change. Operational Policies and Reparation Review.

**MINUTES**

Motion proposed: **That the Minutes of the April 2018 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Proposer: R Roney      Second: D Heine      Outcome: Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr Kelly provided more information on correspondence; specifically, Lake Hochstetter access, 1080 application areas and the Gamebird food festival.

Motion proposed: **That the inwards correspondence be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Second: J Derks      Outcome: Carried

**Licence fee recommendation – NZ Council**

Motion proposed: **That the WCFG support the proposed licence fees for 2018/19.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Against motion: Dave Heine. Mr Heine asked that it be recorded that he supported an increase to fees for non-resident anglers but not for NZ residents.

## Employment agreement information – NZ Council

Motion proposed: **That the Manager seek agreement from all staff to provide the salary and job description information sought by NZC and if each staff member agrees then their information be provided, and if any staff member disagrees, then that information be withheld, and this same provision will pertain to the Manager in providing or declining to provide his/her salary and job description information.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: D Phibbs      Outcome: Carried

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Motion proposed: **That the Financial report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

## OPERATIONAL REPORT

Mr Harris provided an update on the status of the Fish and Game magazine.

Motion proposed: **That the Operational report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Second: J Derks      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **Drift Diving Report be received.**

Proposer: D Phibbs      Second: R Roney      Outcome: Carried

Motion proposed: **Greyland Monitoring report be received.**

Proposer: J Derks      Second: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

## HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Facilitated events were the focus of the month and issues around responsibility and risk management for private individuals. It was decided that a de-brief was required for all events and a new stronger introduction to reinforce safety around firearms and adhering to landowners' requests. Changes to junior events were also required.

Motion proposed: **That the Health and Safety report be received.**

Proposer: B Erickson      Second: M Smith      Outcome: Carried

## NZ COUNCIL REPORT

Mr Harris spoke to the pre-circulated NZ Council report.

Motion proposed: **That the NZ Council report be received.**

Proposer: A Harris      Second: B Erickson      Outcome: Carried

### **Draft Workplan**

Mr Kelly informed the council of the successful funding application for an additional staff member with associated costs, subject to Ministerial approval of the licence fee.

Both Messrs Kelly and Phibbs spoke of the desire to have the new staff member based in Westport/Reefton, predominantly in the field, with the role to focus on gamebird hunter engagement, back country angling compliance, access and fishery enhancement.

Discussion ensued covering:

- Previous experience in role required.
- Based in Westport it's only one hour from Reefton, Greymouth and Karamea for licence holders to access a Fish and Game staff person and vice versa, and is proximal to a significant area of the region's angling and gamebird hunting resource.
- Upper grey and Reefton are areas that would benefit from more intense field presence by staff.
- Training costs and the desire for someone settled.
- Remove the lone worker with surveys.
- Relationships with stakeholders.

### **Correspondence from Dr Margaret Adams**

Dr Margaret Adams letter regarding extending fishing season on Lake Poerua was discussed.

Mr Roney provided some historical background to the fishery and regulations including rainbow trout releases, always been closed and a potential safety issue with mixing duck hunters and anglers on a relatively small waterbody.

Mr Heine had concerns regarding the targeting of pre and post spawning concentrations of fish. Mr Kelly also noted this as a concern from his experience in conducting spawning research in the area.

It was also agreed that the closure of the lake for winter provides an opportunity for anglers on opening day to target naïve fish and this is highly regarded by anglers.

The Chair will respond to Dr Margaret Adams with rationale for denying the request.

### **Salmon Farm Proposal on Arnold River**

Mr Roney enquired about Fish and Game involvement and awareness of a proposed Salmon farm on the Arnold River. Mr Kelly provided an update to Council.

### **Honours for Bryce Johnson and Matthew Hall**

Messrs Roney and Erickson informed the council of the awarding of Queen Service Awards to these Fish and Game members for their services to Conservation the environment and fishing.

### **Department of Conservation**

Mr Shaw informed the council of access issues arising from landowners concerned about the spread of Mycoplasma bovis by the public. Mr Kelly also informed the council of similar issues raised by landowners regarding anglers and access.

Meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

Chair..... Date.....