

From: David Woolner

Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 11:45 AM

To: Lindsay Lyons; Bill O'Leary

Cc: Paul Shortis; NZC Members; Martin Taylor; Debbie Oakley; Andy Garrick; Ngahi Bidois; Murray Ferris

Subject: RE: Eastern NZC rep

Good morning all,

For the avoidance of doubt please let me run through the decisions made by Eastern Fish and game Council at our Oct 15th meeting. At Eastern we elect our Council officers, including our appointee to the NZC, annually. This election occurred at the 15th Oct meeting. Council elected Debbie Oakley to be the next appointee, replacing Lindsay Lyons who had declared his intention not to re-stand for election. Council then considered the timing of handover of the role and decided that Lindsay should attend the final 2020 NZC meeting as the Eastern appointee before Debbie takes over. Council also received a suggestion that Debbie might usefully attend the November NZC meeting as an observer, enabling her to see Council in session and also to meet NZC Councillors in person before the February meeting which is by Zoom. Council acknowledged the long and dedicated service provided by Lindsay as the Eastern appointee to NZC. Council was anxious for there to be a smooth and constructive changeover of our appointees and I would like to thank NZC for enabling Debbie's attendance in November.

With regards,

David Woolner (Chair)

From: Rainsford Grubb [REDACTED]
Date: 23 November 2020 at 4:11:49 PM NZDT
To: Regional Chairmen
Subject: Paul Shortis/Ray Grubb NZC Chair

Good afternoon fellow Chairs

I was as surprised as anyone to have Paul resign; we had been for a walk early that morning and he never said a word. From my perspective it has been a pleasure working closely with him, as we did, and he will be missed.

So now that I am Chair you will I am sure want to know how I will approach the role. Basically it will be same attitude as I have had as a member of Otago Council and then NZC;

- conscious we are representing 130,000 licence holders, and their needs come first
- belief we get our results in the Regions where we meet our licence holders
- adherence to the Statutory role of NZ Council to consult and co-ordinate
- respect for the Statutory independence of all 13 Regions as individual Bodies Corporate

We are caretakers for a resource for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

There is much going on at the moment; the Ministerial Review and Resource Allocation Project have the potential to re-shape how we work, there is the management of our finances in a Covid year, thorny questions such as the first NPS FM; and our routine to get through as well

What i can do is assure you is to the best of my ability there will be a no surprises Policy, and my door will always be open. I look forward to working with you and will always welcome your advice

I hope to meet you all over the next few months, and will be pleased to attend local Council meetings when invited so we get to know each other

Kind regards

Ray

Rainsford (Ray) Grubb
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From: Rainsford Grubb

Sent: Friday, 27 November 2020 2:19 PM

To: Regional Chairs; Regional Managers; NZC Members; Martin Taylor

Subject: Fish and Game Relationships

Good afternoon

Paul Shortis and the President of Federated Farmers Andrew Hoggard had set up a meeting between our NZ Fish and Game Council for last Sunday 23 November. 6 of our NZ Councillors attended as did the 6 Fed Farmers sector Chairs for high level very preliminary discussions.

The meeting was, as you would expect, good natured and positive. These are people that we deal with every day when we fish or hunt. However what we were setting out to do was to see if we could explore the potential for common ground in improving freshwater, for both the good of our members and the general public, and to see how an improved relationship could foster our ability to meet our statutory obligations for access, habitat and species etc.

In these very early overtures it became apparent that there was a willingness by both parties to talk. We agreed that we would get a couple of local Managers to work quietly with the Feds to see what work ons we could pursue. This is therefore a two strand approach where we will take cautious interest in overall policy at a solely Governance level and we will try to expand on successful relationships in the regions.

No-one here is talking an epiphany. Overnight success is not going to happen. But i do think that the combination of the Government ' moves to set higher standards for water, greater media attention, and a public groundswell is a strong motivation for at least regular liaison on policy and more work at local level. We should also not forget the courage that it has taken to pursue a dirty dairy campaign and unpopular media to help create this opportunity. Bryce and Martin can take credit for that, despite the opprobrium occasionally directed at them.

However times change and we need to move with them

My personal view is that consultation is better (and cheaper) than confrontation and that is the overall policy we as an Organisation should pursue. NZ Council has taken what I regard as a courageous step which we believe is fundamentally in line with our Regions wishes.

There was of course an immediate leak of the information and to ensure accurate information appeared in the media NZ Council issued a press release today, followed by one from Fed Farmers. Both are attached

In summary we are asking for your support in treading new ground (and Chairs I will be talking to you about suitable Managers !!!). We will look forward to your feedback, please do not hesitate to get back to me

Kind regards

Ray

Rainsford (Ray) Grubb
Chair, NZ Fish and Game Council



From: Rainsford Grubb [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 11 December 2020 3:21 PM
To: Regional Chairs; NZC Members; David Hunt; Martin Taylor
Subject: Resource Allocation Project

Good afternoon

Please find attached the final report from Concept Consulting.

The report has been before the reference group whose comments have generally been incorporated. The reference group included both Chairs and Regional Managers so I encourage you to share with your own Managers and Councils as soon as possible to ensure consistency of knowledge.

This is the first stage of the triumvirate; the next is the Ministerial Review which we think we will see some time in February, and finally the management of the Budget cycle.

It is clear that this report cannot be considered in isolation. The Ministerial review could potentially have an effect; certainly the two need to be considered together.

However my and Paul Shortis' view is that open discussion and debate amongst the Fish and Game family is an integral part of obtaining confidence in any changes that may eventuate. We therefore decided to get the report out as soon as it was available. We are sure that your NZ Council representatives will be part of your discussions and be able to bring considered advice and apply it for the good of the Organisation when we next meet. The Regions are where we get our results and this report is integral to that.

What is the process from here ?

The NZ Council will meet 5/6 March. I have tentatively scheduled Mr David Hunt of Concept, who has done a remarkable job in sifting through and making sense of a huge data pile, to introduce the report and lead discussion. At the same time we hope to be able to consider the Ministerial review and the Minister's advice. The NZ Council will then make recommendations on concepts and changes.

We will of course follow the consult and co-ordinate mandate NZC has under the Conservation Act.

It is now 33 years since the Conservation Act was passed. We are about to embark on the first significant review of Fish and Game since then, and in doing so we will seek to properly represent and protect the interests of our 133,000 licence holders.

Please enjoy the debate and this opportunity, one I consider exciting, to look into the future

As always my phone and email are open for feedback and your advice

Kind regards

Rainsford (Ray) Grubb
Chair, NZ Fish and Game Council

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