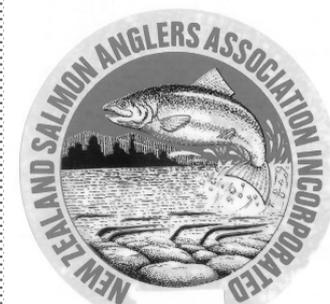


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Make a note in your diary:

**NZSAA Annual General Meeting
Friday 17 July 2020
At 7.00 pm**

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Honorary Auditor Trevor Hayes

Committee Meetings

The Committee meets on the first Monday each month (except January) at 6.30 pm. Members and supporters are welcome to attend these meetings. (Meetings are currently held at a private residence, so please check this with the Secretary if you wish to attend.)

Life Members

Lindsay Dell, Pam Ellis, Trevor Hayes, John Healy, John Hodgson, Ken Hughey, Dennis Long, Stephen Sparrow.

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EDITORIAL

June 2020

It has been a long time between newsletters and much has changed in our lives during recent months. Hopefully however most of you have been keeping up to date with postings through the NZSAA Facebook.

It is good that we are now able to get out and about and, as a lot of anglers have been doing, actually 'wet a line'. We missed out on what would have probably been the most productive 6 days of the season judging by the numbers of fish seen and caught in the latter half of March till the lockdown. However reports and numbers I have acquired show that at least there has been a good lowland salmon spawning. At the time of writing this I still had not heard of the upland salmon spawning numbers, though I believe they are up on the previous season.

New regulations have been set for the next salmon season. The season will be going back to October to end of April and a limit of 2 salmon a day but there will be a season limit of 4 salmon if Parliament approves. This means that when you have killed 4 fish, your season is finished.

Trout regulations changes are mainly around length of season and what rivers and lakes are open all year round. You will need to wait until you get your regulation book to find out the details

What else has happened in fishing world?

Fish & Game are up for a governance review in which anglers will be able to make a submission. A major consideration is around how F&G funds are allocated. The current allocation seems to be unfair on the South Island where the major funding is generated by licence fees. Rex Gibson's article in this newsletter, "Fishing for Dollars" provides an insight into this subject.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 17 July at 7pm. The meeting is much later in the year than usual because of the COVID-19 restrictions. but it is an important event on our calendar and we urge members to attend. Our raffle will have some good prizes so please buy a ticket or two.

The notice of meeting and supporting information is on the following pages.

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We are pleased to have Rex Gibson as a guest speaker. Rex is a member of NZSAA and several other angling clubs and organisations. He is a North Canterbury Fish & Game councillor and executive member of NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers. Rex is a scientist and prolific writer and has a lot knowledge on freshwater fishing. We look forward to his presentation.

A final thought for the AGM:

If you want to get more involved with the Association, please consider putting your name forward for the committee. We still need more people to assist with our activities, advocate on behalf of the salmon fishery and, most importantly, undertake our secretarial and treasury duties. So if you are willing and able to share some of these skills, please join in with us.

Larry Burke

PRESIDENT

We Need a Secretary and Treasurer



NZSAA will pay a little more than an apple for the services of a Secretary and Treasurer to undertake its administrative and financial duties. Some basic computing skills are necessary and ability with club -type membership and financial record keeping would be an advantage.

The Secretary and Treasurer jobs could be separated and undertaken by two people if desired.

You don't have to be an angler to do these jobs. Full training will be given to a non-angler to understand the sometimes strange lingo of the fishing fraternity!!

So all enquiries are welcome. For more details contact the President or Acting Secretary (contacts inside front page).

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The 47th Annual General Meeting of
New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc)
will be held on Friday 17 July 2020 at 7.00 pm**

**Upstairs at the Canterbury Softball Headquarters
220 Pages Road (behind Cowles Stadium) Christchurch**

Business for the Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 28 May 2019
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet
6. Election of Officers and Committee
 - Patron
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Committee (6)
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Honorary Auditor
7. Fishing Competition Results and Awards
8. Athol Price Plaque presentation
9. Barry Craig Memorial Trophy presentation
10. Guest Speaker: Rex Gibson
11. General Business

A raffle will be run during the evening and supper served at the conclusion.

President's Report to the NZSAA 47th Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 March 2020

Is it just me or have we had a weird year since our last AGM? Where to start? I guess the first thing that hits us is that we were having 3 months cut off our salmon season and the daily limit bag was cut to 1 fish with Fish & Game asking that we voluntarily limit our season catch to 4.

The next thing was we got word that North Canterbury Fish & Game had closed the hatcheries and all the fish being on-grown had been released into lakes and rivers. There was no angler consultation.

Then there were the floods in December 2019 and we were beginning to wonder if there would be a season at all. However all was not lost and the salmon started to arrive: first the Hurunui started to produce a few fish almost every day and word was that some were being caught up river in the Rakaia and the Kaiapoi had a few.

December 31st saw salmon taken at McIntosh's. From then on there were fish - not large numbers but they were there and it turned out to be the best January for several years for the Waimakariri. This continued in February and there were more fish in all the other rivers. March started off the same way until the 15th then numbers increased, not only in the Waimakariri, but all other rivers noticed an increase. Then 'THE VIRUS'! Just as things were looking really good it came to a sudden stop with Lockdown. We were left wondering how many could have been taken in those last 6 days.

I only have numbers for the lower Waimakariri. From the state highway bridge down they are very encouraging after the previous season. These are what I call verified numbers: that is, I had anglers out there who have given me daily reports on how many were caught. They would not have got every one so these numbers are an underestimation.

The numbers: 305 salmon taken of which 82 were fin-clipped. Of that number 128 were taken at McIntosh's of which 45 were fin-clipped. These numbers were about 300% higher than the previous season. Spawning numbers on Waimak lowland streams show a similar increase (see further down).

What else has the committee been up to?

We had no ova planting or fin-clipping this year as there was nothing available after the hatcheries were closed. However there were other important matters for our attention;

The Rangitata appeal is progressing with our sign-off of the mediation in the Environment Court. We have had meetings with RDR around the proposed fish screen and the bypass. We must record our thanks to Paul Hodgson for the amazing amount of work he and the other supporting groups have put into these complex proceedings, We have now moved on to completing a Statutory Plan for the Rangitata River. We have managed to get Central South Island F&G in on it.

Fish screens is an ongoing issue we are working on. However it is very slow process but some progress is being made.

Take a Kid Fishing last October was a huge success with about 5000 people there on a great day. We would also offer our congratulations to Dave Denton on receiving a QSM honour for all the work he has done and continues to do with Take a Kid Fishing. However it will not be held this year because of the virus and a lack of fish. Preparations are underway for next year already.

I have been involved in the National Salmon Committee but it is slow going as it can only make recommendations. Each region makes its own regulations and can accept or reject them.

We had an informative meeting with North Canterbury F&G chief executive, Rasmus Gabriellsson, early December.

We also met with NCF&G chairman, Alan Strong, to hear a proposal that some of the interest from the McIntyre Bequest be used to fence the last part of the Glenariffe Stream. This was subsequently agreed and F&G, Department of Conservation and the landowner also contributed to the total cost of approximately \$30,000. The fencing has been completed.

Our annual Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition held 14 March 2020 was a success. Congratulations to the two senior winners and the junior winner who each caught a salmon on the day. We thank our major sponsor, Hunting & Fishing, and all the other sponsors who contributed to the prize giving at the end of a great day.

At the time of writing this report, I have not heard of any official spawning counts. However spawning numbers in the Waimakariri lowland streams are as follows:

Silverstream :somewhere between 40 and 50 redds. Numbers in the trap 72. The trap was closed on 5 May as they did not want any more fish still spawning into June.

There were reports of salmon spawning in North and South Brook. Also some redds counted (8) in the Otukaikino. There will be more but it is very hard to get to the river in its mid reaches below the Groynes. A couple of salmon were also seen in the Styx River. Three places were found where salmon had and were spawning in the Avon.

Our annual accounts show that our finances are in good shape with expenditure considerably less than the previous year when the Rangitata studies and appeal costs were borne. As always we thank Trevor Hayes for undertaking the annual audit.

Our membership numbers remain at a similar number to the previous year. However it is with sadness that we note the passing of three longstanding members David O'Neil, Keith Gallagher and Keith Miller.

My thanks are due to the NZSAA committee who have supported me during the year and worked so hard on the ever-increasing complex issues affecting our salmon fishery.

Larry Burke

PRESIDENT

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

<u>1.3.19</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Y/e 31.3.2020</u>
3800	Subscriptions	3180.00
101	Donations	283.50
1282	Interest Received	861.85
223	Raffle	223.00
13	Profit on sale of stock	7.74
-	Fin Clipping	750.00
<u>2415</u>	Waimakariri Competition Profit	<u>2628.00</u>
<u>\$7834</u>		<u>\$7934.09</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
837	Newsletter and Postage	782.06
2160	Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	1530.00
774	Office Expenses	712.26
615	AGM Costs	655.19
2401	Depreciation on Assets	1694.39
442	Salmon Enhancement	151.85
350	Subscriptions/Donations/Levies	350.00
197	Sundry Expenses	-
7119	RDR Expenses	114.88
<u>165</u>	Website Expenses	<u>138.00</u>
15060		6128.63
<u>-7226</u>	Excess income over expenditure	<u>1805.46</u>
<u>\$7834</u>		<u>\$7934.09</u>

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

<u>Y/e 31.3.19</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>Y/e 31.3.2020</u>
52624	Balance as at 1.4.19			35398.00
-7226	Plus Excess Income over Expenditure			1805.46
-5000	Less Contribution to RDR Fund			-
-5000	Less trsf'd to Special Reserve McIntyre Bequest			-
<u>\$35398</u>				<u>\$37203.46</u>
	<u>THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY</u>			
14	Office Equipment	13.73		
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>2.74</u>	10.99	
1583	Container	1582.61		
	Less Depreciation	<u>237.39</u>	1345.22	
1927	Oxygen Meters	1926.91		
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>578.07</u>	1348.84	
40	Emergency Beacon	39.62		
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>13.07</u>	26.55	
4	Website	4.75		
	Less Depreciation	<u>4.75</u>	-	
2361	Scotty Boxes	2360.68		
	Less Depreciation	<u>779.02</u>	1581.66	
<u>317</u>	Flags and Base	317.40		
6246	Less Depreciation	<u>79.35</u>	<u>238.05</u>	4551.31
	<u>INVESTMENT</u>			
25715	Term Deposits with Westpac	26590.93		
	McIntosh Bequest Term Deposit	<u>5120.04</u>		31710.97
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
2009	Westpac Savings Account	-		
8723	Westpac Bank Account	8159.25		
250	Subscriptions in Arrears	200.00		
788	Accrued Interest	569.08		
<u>1755</u>	Stock	<u>2120.64</u>		<u>11048.97</u>
45486	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>			47311.25
	<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
-355	Subscriptions in Arrears	180.00		
-2556	Sundry Creditors	<u>3630.75</u>		2810.75
	<u>LESS RESERVE FUNDS</u>			
-2177	Barry Craig Memorial	2177.00		
-5000	McIntyre Bequest (Rakaia/Waimakariri Rivers)	<u>5120.04</u>		<u>7297.04</u>
<u>\$35398</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>			<u>\$37203.46</u>

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Accounting Policies

The general accounting principles as recommended by the N.Z. Society of Accountants for measurement and reporting of income and expenditure on an historical cost basis have been applied.

2. Particular Accounting Policies

The following particular accounting principles which materially affect the measurement of profit or the financial position have been applied -

- (i) Depreciation has been charged at 20% on the written down value of office equipment, 15% on the container, 33% on the Emergency Beacon, 50% on the Website, 30% on the Oxygen Meters 33% on Scotty Boxes and 25% on Flag and Base.
- (ii) Subscription Debtors - included at amount expected to realise \$200.00.

3. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies that have a material effect in the current year or may have a material effect in subsequent years.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

I have obtained all the explanations and information I have required. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Association insofar as appears from my examination of those books. In my opinion, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books, the accounts, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account are properly drawn and give the information required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of the operation of the Association for the year.

Christchurch
28 May 2020

T.G. HAYES, B.Comm.

**MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION (INC)
Held at the Canterbury Softball Headquarters, Pages Road, Christchurch
Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Approximately 40 members and invitees were present at the meeting, chaired by the President, Larry Burke.

Larry welcomed those present and asked that they exit via the stairs in an emergency. He also asked people to sign the attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Peter Ellmers, Phil and Jeanette Ball, Sharon McKay, Dianne Eaton, Pater Morgan, Helen Duncan.

These apologies were accepted on a motion from Colin Eaton and seconded by Mike Ager. Carried.

REMEMBRANCE

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance of a member who had died during the year: Ian Hoskin, Bill Musgrave, Tim Gilmore, Paul Cumming, Peter Hendriks, Olive Tinker, Paul Worley.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Association (Incorporated) held on 15 May 2018, as circulated to members, were approved and adopted as a correct record on the motion of Dave Leigh and seconded by Mike Ager. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Larry Burke moved that the President's Report for the year ended 31 March 2019 as circulated to members be adopted. This was seconded by Paul Hodgson and James Parbery. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

Trevor Hayes said the NZSAA is very well off especially with term deposits totalling over \$31,000..

It was moved by Trevor Hayes, that the audited Financial Report, and Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2019 be received. Seconded by Greg Terras. Carried.

Larry extended a vote of thanks to Trevor for once again undertaking the audit, his 36th.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers and Committee:

The following were nominated and duly declared elected:

		Moved / Seconded
Patron	Pam Ellis	Larry Burke/Dave Leigh
President	Larry Burke	Colin Eaton/James Parbery
Vice President	Colin Eaton	Larry Burke/Paul Hodgson
Committee	Phil Ball Dave Leigh Dennis Long Kevin Belcher Mike Ager Greg Terras John Hodgson Russell Mackay Paul Hodgson Neil McLean	

To save time the entire committee agreed to stand again and were duly elected.

Moved Mike Ager, seconded Lou Corbett

Secretary / Treasurer Tony Humphreys

Tony agreed to stay as temporary Secretary/Treasurer but asked the committee to look for somebody else as he would be overseas at times in the coming year. Moved Larry Burke/Colin Eaton

Honorary Auditor Trevor Hayes

Trevor said he would stay on but he would be grateful if a new person was found to do the job. Moved Larry Burke/seconded Pam Ellis.

SPEAKERS

Nick Daniels from ECAN

Nick gave an update on the progress of ECAN's work on grading and monitoring of fish screens in the region. He explained some of the problems in getting consent holders to move on issues with poorly functioning screens and poor maintenance issues. ECAN has developed a grading system to help target the problem schemes as well as assure the more compliant holders. The schemes are graded A,B ,C ,D with most being in the A and B, i.e. mostly compliant with minor issues. The rest the C's and D's were mostly non compliant with major problems. He stressed that knowing about non compliance was a concern. If people saw a problem they should make a complaint to ECAN on the special apps and if possible include a photo.

Larry thanked Nick for his presentation and presented him with a bottle of wine.

NZSAA FISHING COMPETITION

This is open to all financial NZSAA members.

Aquarius Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Overall

Warren Mackie with 5.31kg salmon caught at Stewart’s Gully, Waimakariri.

Cromb & Merritt / Fisherman’s Loft Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri

Colin Eaton with a 4.7kg salmon caught at the Mckintosh Hole, Waimakariri.

Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Rakaia

Dave Leigh with a 4.71kg salmon caught at the Rakaia Mouth

Lucky draw for remainder of entries

Wayne McCartney with a 3.55kg salmon caught at the Mackintosh Hole

ATHOL PRICE PLAQUE

This is awarded for outstanding service to the salmon sports fishery.

Mike Ager

This year’s winner Mike Ager joined the association in 2010. He was elected to the committee in 2015. During his time as a member and on the committee he has shown great support for all our activities, be it fin clipping, hatchery cleaning, egg planting or Take a Kid Fishing. Depending on the occasion he is often accompanied by family members. His dedication is such that he undertakes an almost daily checking and cleaning of the races at Isaac’s.

All these activities have been taken on with much enthusiasm and in great spirit.

BARRY CRAIG EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL TROPHY

There was no awarding of the trophy this year as there had been so little activity to take nominations.

SPEAKER

Alan Strong, Chairman of North Canterbury Fish & Game

Alan is the new Chairman of the Fish & Game committee. He said he was keen to establish positive contacts with the local fishing groups. He acknowledged the past problems they have had but wants to put things on a better course. He outlined the various plans they had including their management structure and plans for managing the salmon fishery. Some aspects of the proposals might be hard to accept but the future is very much in the balance. He showed some different graphs that recorded the ups and downs of the salmon run in the main Canterbury rivers, Rangitata, Rakaia and Waimakariri. It wasn’t a good picture. He knows there will be concerns but the essence is to improve the fishery by whatever means they can.

He also said a lot of their plans could only be carried out by the huge amount of volunteer hours that are put in by the NZSAA. He wants to make future relations with the NZSAA to be more positive and welcomes our presence at their meetings.

Larry thanked Alan and presented him with a bottle of wine.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Larry reminded people that we had caps, bucket hats, beanies all \$20 and NZSAA badges \$15 for sale. Also to check our Facebook page.

Acknowledgements and Close of Meeting

Grateful thanks were made to the following sponsors of raffle prizes:

Ballinger's Hunting & Fishing

Fisherman's Loft

Wondercast

NZ Salmon Anglers Assn

Larry thanked all members and guests for their attendance and encouraged members to check out our website and that any new stories or photos would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9:55pm and was followed by supper served by Adrienne Dougherty and the drawing of raffles.



Mike Ager

Recipient of NZSAA's Athol Price Plaque for 2019 in recognition of his outstanding service to the salmon sports fishery.

Fish & Game also recognised Mike's service in awarding him the Ian "Mac" McCrory Trophy for Volunteer of the Year 2019

Trophy winners of the 2018-19 NZSAA members' competition, presented at the AGM



**Warren Mackie
Aquarius Trophy
Heaviest Salmon Overall**



**Colin Eaton - Cromb & Merritt/
Fisherman's Loft Trophy –
Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri**



**Dave Leigh
Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy –
Heaviest Salmon Rakaia**

Dave Denton - a well-deserved Honour



David Malcolm Denton (Dave) was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in the 2020 New Year's honours for services to outdoor recreation and youth.

Dave is the driving force behind the Take A Kid Fishing initiative. He is a Trustee and Chairman of the Kids Fishing Charitable Trust and has worked tirelessly to deliver the Take a Kid Fishing event in Christchurch for 31 years.

Dave's vision to create the first TAKF event in 1988 has impacted on thousands of people's lives. It has developed into the largest event of its type in New Zealand. He has developed guidelines on how to operate a successful TAKF event. The sharing of his knowledge has supported the development of other similar events throughout NZ.

Dave has also been a member of New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association since 1973, joining in the first year of our founding and actively supporting our activities throughout his long membership.

We congratulate Dave on receiving the QSM, a well-deserved Honour in recognition of many years of service to youth and the angling community.

Annual Subscriptions Now Due

NZSAA subscriptions are now due for the current year that commenced 1 April 2020 (no increase from last year).

Adult membership	\$25
Family membership	\$30
Junior membership (under 18 years)	\$10

Payment can be made by:

- Mail to NZSAA P O Box 1113 Christchurch 8140; or
- Direct Credit to NZSAA Westpac account 03 0802 0099970 00 (Please include your name on the DC payment details); or

NZSAA Salmon Fishing Contest Waimakariri River 2020

Our annual contest held on Saturday 14 March attracted 164 entrants, made up of 113 adults and 51 juniors. Although total entries were slightly down from last year's 173, it was pleasing that junior entrants were up and one salmon was caught in that section. Four new NZSAA members were signed up during the day.



Adult heaviest salmon 1st prize was Zane Tunbridge with his 5.85kg salmon landed at the Banana Hole.



Adult second heaviest salmon 2nd prize was: Dale Lynn's 4.63kg salmon landed at McIntosh's.



Junior Heaviest Salmon: Xavier Lynn/Harris's 4.76kg salmon landed at McIntosh's.

Junior Biggest Kahawai 1st prize: Tanne Jones, 2.89kg landed at the mouth of the Waimakariki

Super Draw Tool Chest . Eric Archibald

Early Bird Draw. John Goble,

The hard-luck stories at the close of the competition day were related over a beer and sausage sizzle (donated by Dean Austen) but many also went home with one of the lucky draw prizes that had been donated by other supporting businesses:

Amazing Baits, Anglers Warehouse, Belfast Engravers, Caltex Hornby, Complete Angler, Fisherman's Loft, Industrial Radiators, Kaiapoi Alignment & Tyre Services, Kairaki Beach Camp (Alan & Bronwyn Waters), Pinnacle & Co Ltd, Repco, Hamills North Canterbury, Woods & Moulin,

Our grateful thanks are again extended to Hunting & Fishing for their major sponsorship with a generous array of angling equipment for prizes, ensuring that the 2020 competition was such a success.

Hunting & Fishing

Major Sponsor

Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition

Christchurch Region Stores

75 Clarence Street, Tower Junction, Christchurch: Phone 03 3430212

North Canterbury, 305 Flaxton Road, Rangiora: Phone 03 3131313



A winning combination: Jeremy and Simon from H & F with 2020 competition winner Zane Tunbridge holding the Percy Whyte Trophy

Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing Competition

From Peter Coory, Otago Branch NZSAA

The 2020 event was held over the weekend 15-16 February. There were 220 entries of which 45 were juniors.

Due to low numbers of salmon caught over the last couple of years prizes were included for the heaviest kahawai and kingfish to increase interest in the competition. Only 3 salmon and 8 kahawai were weighed in over the weekend with the heaviest salmon caught from a boat and weighing 5.34kg.

Prizewinners:

Salmon	1st	Steve Racz	5.34kg
	2nd	Nowell Pasese	3.70kg
	3rd	Keith Malcolm	2.24kg
Kahawai		Simon Roff	3.52kg



Photo right: The winning salmon family

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Fishing for dollars: A Shakespearean Tragedy?

Opinion piece by Rex Gibson

For most anglers freshwater fishing requires the payment of \$133 for a fishing licence. There are different rates for overseas anglers (and only some Australians seem to moan about that), youth, family, loyal seniors, short term licences, etc., etc., and a game bird hunting licence costs you \$98.

I recently uncovered my “Juvenile’s Licence” from 1962 (No. 692) issued by the South Canterbury Acclimatization Society. It entitled me to a daily take of 15 acclimatised fish, not more than 12 to be trout (but only 4 from all lakes) and not more than six salmon were allowed. Interestingly, all the regulations fitted on two A4 sides. The silverfish have since done more damage to it than I did to the fishery. It cost seven shillings and six pence; my earnings from hand mowing three small lawns for little old ladies.

The National Council of F&G is now looking at its funding stream with some urgency. It has circulated a Strategic Financial Review Recommendations paper to councillors; a document that I consider only “shuffles the deck chairs on the Titanic”. Like the Titanic, F&G has hit an iceberg; the effects of Covid-19.

Licence money (fishing and game bird) goes originally to the Fish and Game region where the licence is bought. The regions are then levied by “Head Office” for a percentage of that. The Mainland licence holders provide 67% of all of F&G’s income. For almost all South Island regions that levy is almost exactly 50% of the fees collected. For the North Islanders all of their regions pay levies of less than 18% of their licence fees. Wellington actually receives over 130% of what it collects, Taranaki 214%, and Northland 314%. On the Mainland, only West Coast is subsidised (by 1% of the national budget). All these subsidies thus come from South Island licence holders. The government makes no financial contribution.

The formula used appears to have been brewed up by the three old witches, of Shakespeare’s Macbeth, in their mysterious cauldron. It was subsequently hidden in a bog to be unearthed by F&G’s national council sometime since 1990. As with all things made of toads’ gonads, bile of bats, venom of snake, and the eye of newt, its true composition is unknown (or is it just a closely guarded secret?). Despite this, the dubious “formula” is still used to reallocate the fees paid by South Island licence holders to the North Island regional F&G corporate beneficiaries. Shakespeare would love this plot.

The National Council’s cauldron of money provides **DOUBLE** what the northern regions would get from a fair and equitable allocation.

It fits the three witches’ chant of: *“Double, double, toil and trouble - Fire burn and cauldron bubble”*

Clever gerrymandering of the voting system of F&G’s National Council has kept that cauldron “on the bubble”. Just as Macbeth and his evil lady murdered King Duncan, and others, to become king himself, so the northern advantage in the F&G National Council funding allocation system has, by the wielding of this infamous formula (over the last

three decades), murdered the southern regions' finances. Macbeth's reign came to a timely end when the fateful prophesy of "til' Birnam wood doth come to Dunsinane" came to pass. The Southern F&G regions have a similar quest to fulfil to that of Macduff.

If the National Council members can only represent the parochial interests of their regions then, like Macbeth's Dunsinane Castle on the hill, that Council must fall. Perhaps it is time to consider a national council whose members are elected by all licence holders, irrespective of their home region? Lady Macbeth committed suicide when racked with guilt at what she had done. Perhaps it is time that National Council did the same if it cannot see an equitable solution to this Shakespearean-like tragedy unfolding in F&G's finances. Note also that the "Head Office's castle" absorbs almost 25% of all income (c\$2.7million).

The National Council is now considering a review of its organization! Go figure. If a recent video conference is anything to go by, a shadowy figure (purporting to be Mervyn English from DoC) largely obscured by a hoody, seems to be behind it. Wasn't there an episode in "Yes Minister" where reviews controlled by the bureaucracies stalled actions long enough for another party (in this case 'council') to be elected? All reviews by past councils have died at their feet (poisoned by their witches' brew?). Is it time to consider the phrase "fit for purpose" in terms of the National Council and its financial structure? It is difficult to see any internal review succeeding given the current parochial arrangement. Any review must be independent of the lecherous "old witches" of both Fish and Game's National Council and of DoC.

*The weird sisters, hand in hand,
Posters of the sea and land
Round about the cauldron go;
In the poisoned entrails throw,
The fees of Te Waipounamu
They will end up in our stew
We suck their blood, which we have
now got
Boil thou first in the charmed pot.*

(Apologies to Bill Shakespeare.)

Rex N. Gibson



RDR Appeal Update

Following is an update from the RDR Appeal Team:

Recent Activities

ECan deputation - Pre lockdown discussions with ECan with a pencilled in deputation date for the June Council meeting (now further delayed). Requests for support to Central South Is F&G re deputation. DOC has helped by providing useful information including a recent fish and macroinvertebrate survey. Information request to MFE received.

As part of our agreement with the RDR the appeal group attended March and April (Zoom) meetings with the RDR re the fish screen and by-pass design – some disappointment at the lack of design progress, with concerns the screen will miss the scheduled 30-month installation requirement.

March meeting with the Minister of Conservation – highlighting Rangitata issues – Minister suggests taking a deputation to ECan re a cap on abstractions via a Statutory Plan for the river

While separate to the appeal, a lot is changing, with projects researching various aspects of the river, combined research from DOC, NIWA and ECan appears on the table. ECan are conducting a survey of the fish in the Hapua area, NIWA are working on researching flood harvesting effects on braided rivers, DOC have indicated numerous areas of interest and completed a macroinvertebrate and fish species survey recently.

What we have achieved to date

At the May 2019 mediation the Anglers agreed to settle with RDR. A significant offer was made by RDR and proceeding with the Court action would likely mean we would lose those gains, particularly the monitoring, so the pragmatic decision was made to settle.

The appeal still continues. However Ngai Tahu are still appealing and the Judge won't sign off on our settlement until that has finished, hopefully sometime later in the year. Our settlement is of course dependent on whether Ngai Tahu are successful or not in their appeal.

The gains Anglers achieved in settling

1. RDR agreed to extend the monitoring program to include the important lower river, so the monitoring will extend from the RDR intake down to the sea.
2. Our expert witnesses agreed with the details within the monitoring program, ensuring it covered the necessary areas of concern.
3. While we don't have the exact figure, the value of the monitoring programme is said to be in the region of \$1.2 – \$1.5M.
4. The monitoring programme has been extended from 2 to 3 years, so 3 years prior to the first water take, and then for another 3 years while the take is operational.
5. The consent conditions have been considerably strengthened from the original decision. Significantly there is now a process in place to determine what to do should the monitoring identify adverse effects.

6. We have signed an additional agreement with the RDR in which the RDR agrees to help fund an additional 2-dimensional hydrodynamic modelling program for the river with a shared contribution of up to 100K.
7. There is the possibility that the Court upon reviewing the conditions may further strengthen them, particularly condition 16.
8. At the early mediation Anglers asked for and were granted a seat at the table in the fish screen design and verification process. This process is now underway.

Other substantial gains

As a result of our initial proof of concept LIDAR study, (late January 2019) and following presentations to various interested parties, ECan has agreed to fund the full baseline LIDAR survey of the Rangitata River from the RDR to the ocean. This study is valued at 68K. Hopefully this type of study will be extended to all Canterbury Rivers.

Funding

The Angler Group was granted maximum \$50K from the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund to help fund the appeal which has nearly been exhausted. The shortfall in funds has been met from individual donations and the three angler groups involved in the appeal have each provided significant amounts both in \$\$ and time to the appeal.

Next Steps

We believe it's important to gather further information about the river to make sure we are not caught short again when future water abstractions come along, as surely they will. The river monitoring will provide a lot of information but is still going to take some time to complete:

1. Deputation to ECan – Rangitata Statutory Plan (July hopefully).
2. Comparative Study, comparing the Rangitata to other rivers, and comparing old photos with the current situation, noting changes that have occurred, identifying apparent trends, and collating the information for use against future consent applications. Discussions have occurred on this between other parties so looks like there is an interest in this occurring.
3. An Oral History to record the values associated with the river from long term uses, this will be done scientifically so that information can be available for future reference. One has recently been completed on the Selwyn River so ours would take a similar approach, though of course aimed more at the fisheries values. We anticipate a postgraduate student will undertake this work.
4. Angler update public meeting with Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited to discuss progress of fish screen design, bypass, and verification process.

Stay Safe

RDR Appeal Team

The End of an Era

Contributed mostly by Russell Mackay

NZSAA, as volunteers, have for many years been planting ova into many streams and rivers in North Canterbury using various methods. This was carried out in all conditions, snow, rain and some warmer days.

In earlier days we used blue barrels and replicated redds in the gravels of the streams. We then progressed to the use of the Jordan-Scotty fish egg incubator ("Scotty Boxes") embedded in spawning streams. It is worth reflecting on the development of the Scotty Boxes: this was the result of Canadian founder Blayney Scott and conservationist Fred Jordan's desire to make a contribution to the enhancement of salmon, trout and walleye stocks in the streams and creeks around the world whose habitats have lost their natural spawning and rearing capabilities.



These methods were then supplemented by in-stream incubators (lockers) and the more sophisticated Alevinator.

All this has now come to an end under the new directions from Fish and Game to discontinue ova planting and hatcheries.

And so it remained for us to remove the lockers from the streams. On 13 June 2020 a group of us headed up to remove the lockers from One Tree Swamp, Kiwi Stream and the Porter and Broken Rivers. We split into two teams, one consisting of Kevin Belcher, Neil and Jarrod McLean. Kevin and his team were to remove the lockers from Broken and Porter Rivers for us to collect on our way home.

Team Two, consisting of Dave Leigh, Peter Ellmers, Warren Mackie and Russell Mackay, were to do the removals from OTS and the Kiwi Stream. When we arrived the temperature was minus 5 degrees, very cold and foggy. It took us about 1¾ hours to get the lockers back over to the trailer. It was hard going. We used the trailer tie-downs as tow ropes and towed/slid them over the grass. We didn't have any real drama here this time - no-one touched the electric fence but Dave did try, without success, to fall into the stream,

We also checked for spawning salmon and redds in the area around the stream where the lockers were and also the lower reaches. We spotted about a dozen or so fish and half as many again redds. There were at least seven redds and fish in the upper area. In the lower reaches, from the mouth to the fence, there were quite a lot of redds and a good number of salmon, some of which were recent arrivals judging by their condition. It appeared that salmon were still arriving up there so there is a fair chance more will be spawning in the middle section and second stream.



From there we headed down to Kiwi Stream. This was the easy one to do by hauling the lockers, and the waratahs, up the hill and picked them up and carried them to the trailer. Dave had never seen or heard of the Hawdon Shelter or the camping area so we headed over to show him around. By now the temperature was 5 degrees, no wind and bright blue clear skies. It had turned into one of those fantastic high country days.

We then went back to the Porter to collect the other team's efforts. They had removed the half locker from Broken River (-5.1 degrees) and 5 lockers from the stream which feeds the Porter River. That made for a full load on the trailer and we didn't have space for any more. The lockers have since gone for scrap metal.



I have really enjoyed doing the work up there in the high country as I am sure all others have too. It is disappointing that it has ended but we must believe that those thousands of volunteer hours have not been wasted and our efforts have contributed to the enhancement of the salmon fishery.

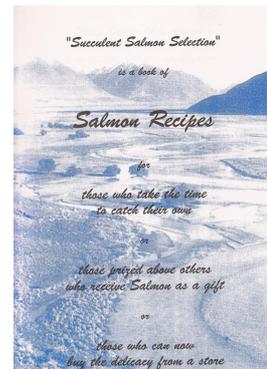
Russell Mackay

Olive Tinker

Olive Tinker passed away late in 2018 in her 102nd year,. She had been a member of NZSAA for many years, her late husband Evan was a President and Secretary in our early years, and son Ron was a committee member. Olive was pictured in the 1975 newsletter with her 38lb salmon caught at the Rakaia River mouth. For the early editions of the Salmon Angler magazine Olive supplied delicious salmon recipes and in 1995 she produced a book of salmon recipes titled *Succulent Salmon Selection*. The book is interspersed with little poems on background photos of the Rakaia River.

“For a Pie, I tie, a Fly, to catch a Sockeye”

*“Alone upon a river’s bank serene
An Angler stood
And all around was green
And looked it.
He waited till the evening sun grew dim
Then saw a fish
Or else a fish saw him
And hooked it!”*



We honour the memory of Olive Tinker, one of NZSAA’s pioneering family members.

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Salmon caught at McIntosh's over last 7 years

from Colin Eaton, NZSAA Vice President

I have summarised the fish caught at the Waimakariri River McIntosh's area over the last seven years. This is as far back that I can find my records. It is interesting to note that of the nearly 1500 fish, 20 percent of the fish landed have been fin-clipped or, simply put, hatchery released fish. So, why are the hatcheries closed down?

Season	Total Landed	Fin Clipped	Percentage
2013-14	497	85	17.0
2014-15	253	46	18.0
2015-16	252	37	14.6
2016-17	225	51	22.6
2017-18	46	6	13.0
2018-19	78	13	16.6
2019-20	128	45	35.1
Total	1479	283	19.1%

Three Generations

Pictured at McIntosh's, Waimakariri River, relaxing between "Chuck and Chance":

Three generations of local fishermen:

Mike Ager (54 years)

Graham Brown (Brownie) (73 years)

Dennis Long (93 years) LEGEND!!

Won't catch salmon sitting about?





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