



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Freshwater Fisheries and Wildlife Amendment Regulations

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 20 May 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in March and May 2020, the Minister of Conservation approved minor and technical amendments to the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 and the Wildlife Regulations 1955 to:
 - 1.1 enable Fish and Game Councils to sell freshwater sports fishing and game bird hunting licences online;
 - 1.2 allow licences to be issued and held in electronic form;
 - 1.3 provide associated compliance safeguards to ensure a person presenting an electronic licence is its legal holder;
 - 1.4 allow improved management of sports fisheries, and the salmon fishery in particular, by enabling Fish and Game Councils to set take limits for any period;
 - 1.5 update outdated provisions and references, and revoke spent provisions;
- 2 **noted** that the Freshwater Fisheries Amendment Regulations 2021 and the Wildlife Amendment Regulations 2021 give effect to the above amendments;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the:
 - 3.1 Freshwater Fisheries Amendment Regulations 2021 [PCO 22998/2.0];
 - 3.2 Wildlife Amendment Regulations 2021 [PCO 22999/2.0];
- 4 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations will come into effect on 25 June 2021.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

See over for attendance

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Michael Wood (Deputy Chair)
Hon Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Kieran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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