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John Luke

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Dear Mr Luke,

Thank you for your email dated 27 September 2024 requesting information on the process for making appointments onto the Game Animal Council (the Council).

The public call for nominations onto the Council took place between 31 January and 1 March 2024. These positions were advertised in five major daily newspapers, the Department of Conservation's website, the Council's website, through social media, and government nominating agencies including, Ministry for Women, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People.

Regarding the number of nominations, a total of 19 were received, all from the public or self-nominations. From these 19 nominees, two were short-listed and neither were interviewed. I have attached an appointment letter that was sent to one of the successful nominees for your reference.

Please note that this letter contains redactions as to protect the privacy of the nominee under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act. I have identified no public interest in releasing this redacted information which would override the reasons for withholding it. Please also note that an appendix included in the letter has been withheld as it is out of scope of your request.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd McClay'.

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Glenn MacPherson

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Dear Mr MacPherson,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you are being appointed, in accordance with section 8 of the Game Animal Council Act 2013, as a member of the Game Animal Council (the Council), for a term commencing immediately and expiring on 30 June 2027.

The Councils' functions include advising the Minister for Hunting and Fishing in relation to game animals, providing education to the hunting sector, and conducting research into the hunting of game animals. The Council can also raise awareness of the views of the hunting sector while contributing to conservation outcomes.

My expectations

In undertaking this role, I expect you will have regard to my expectations for the Council as outlined in my Letter of Expectations, issued on 7 March 2024 (Appendix 1).

Conflict of Interest management

As part of the appointments process you have disclosed the nature and extent of any conflicts of interest that you have, or are likely to have, in matters relating to the Council. Please ensure that you regularly review potential conflicts of interest and ensure they are recorded in the Council's Conflicts of Interests register.

Remuneration and Meetings

Tim Gale, General Manager of Game Animal Council, will be in contact with you to provide you with information on your duties as a Council member and arrangements for the next meeting. Members receive a daily fee of \$215 and direct expenses associated with meeting attendance are reimbursed.

Termination procedures

You may be removed from office by the Minister under section 10(2) of the Game Animal Council Act 2013 for bankruptcy, inability to perform the functions of the office, neglect of duty, and misconduct.

You may, at any time, resign from office by providing written notice to me.

Training and development opportunities

The Chair will provide an induction to the Council. In addition, the Department will be offering new and existing councillors an induction to your governance role in a Public Finance Act 1989

Schedule 4 entity. The Council's General Manager will liaise with you and the Department regarding timing. I encourage you to attend.

Please discuss with the Chair of the Council, Grant Dodson, if you would like to undertake further training and development.

I hope you find the work of the Council interesting and rewarding.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Todd McClay', written in a cursive style.

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