

MINUTES

of the MEETING of QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of SALMON FISHERIES in the NORTH AND WEST DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on Tuesday 25th October 2011 at 2:00pm at the Inver Lodge Hotel.

Present:

Mr R Vestey (Inver) (Convenor)
Mr J Allingham (Dionard)
Mr D Davies (Inverpolly)
Mr G Osborne (Rhiconich)
Mr R Osborne (Rhiconich)
Mr N Marsham (Polla)
Mr I Russell (Laxford)

Mr A Balfour (Tenant Netsman)
Mr J Watson (Salmon Angler)

In attendance:

Mr C Cook (Clerk, Bell Ingram)
Dr S Marshall (WSFT)
Dr A Wells (ASFB)

Apologies:

Mr R Bradford (Inver)
Mr S Boileau (Hope)
Mr C Marsham (Polla)
Mr C MacLeod (Salmon Angler)

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 26th OCTOBER 2010

The Minutes were proposed by Mr Osborne and Seconded by Mr Davies and the Convenor signed the Minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Item 3. Mr Allingham asked that the Minutes record that since the statement made last year by Mr Balfour RAFTS and the Trout and Salmon Association had revealed that the figures upon which Mr Balfour had based his comments included net caught salmon whereas the proper yardstick was rod catches. By this measure he said that west coast rod catches were down by 40% and east coast rod catches up by 20%.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

Sixth Paragraph, third line should read; 'formed the **Northern** Salmon Management Group'.

Mr Cook in response to general discussion about the Salmon Managements Groups the NWDSFB was a part of made a plea to ALL Proprietors to supply him with data on seal sightings and seal marked or damaged fish. This could be done direct or via the Marksmen coordinator Andrew Marsham either way it needed to be done both for the season just past and during 2012 and subsequent years. Recording this data and taking photographs should become a normal part of the ghillies role, and requested of all Proprietors and their guests and tenants.

It was also important for Proprietors to remember that the Management Groups had nominated marksmen licenced to control seals and that either through the Clerk or Andrew Marsham the facility should be called upon if Common or Grey seals were becoming a problem to their fisheries.

4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th MAY 2011

Mr Cook drew Proprietors attention to the Audited accounts circulated with the meeting papers and prepared by Morris & Young in Perth.

Mr Davies asked why only £6,000 of the £12,000 budgeted for payment to the WSFT was recorded on the P&L account when the P&L was prepared on an accruals basis.

The explanation for this is that the payment to the WSFT is a donation and not a part payment of an invoice for example, so there is not a debt as such to accrue.

Proprietors approved the accounts and the Convenor duly signed them.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was other business and the meeting closed at 2.30 pm

ACTION PLAN

Supply data of seal sightings and seal marked and damaged fish to the Clerk for the 2011 season and 2012 and beyond.

**ALL
PROPRIETORS**