

MINUTES

**of the ANNUAL MEETING of
QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of
SALMON FISHERIES in the NORTH
AND WEST DISTRICT SALMON
FISHERY BOARD held on TUESDAY
22nd OCTOBER 2014 at 1pm at Reay
House, 17 Old Edinburgh Rd, Inverness,
IV2 3HF**

Present:

Mr R Vestey (Convenor)
Mr C Marsham
Mr D Davies
Mr R Bradford
Mr J Allingham
Ms C Acheson

Mr D Lindsay

Mr A Balfour

In attendance:

Mr C Cook (Clerk, Bell Ingram)

Apologies:

Mr C Macleod
Mr G Osborne
Mr J Watson
Mr P Rex
Mr D Lindsay
Dr J Balfour

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2013

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 5th November 2013 were considered by Proprietors and signed by the Convenor as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2013/4

Proprietors considered the Annual Report. The Convenor led a general discussion on the points raised. Proprietors expressed satisfaction with the Annual Report which was signed by the Convenor.

Mr Allingham advised that the Dionard Committee of Management had objected to the planning application by Cowrie Associates Limited for a Mussel farm in the Kyle of Durness. He explained they were not convinced by scientific opinion, did not consider the site to be suitable, thought the Ortacs looked flimsy, if the trestles were damaged by storms the equipment would be spread throughout the Kyle of Durness and had recommended to the Highland Council that in the event they were minded to grant permission an Escrow fund should be required to ensure sufficient funds in place to reinstate the area.

There were no further comments.

4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th MAY 2014

Proprietors considered and accepted the audited accounts. The Chairman advised that the Management charge exceeded the budget due to the additional approved work required in complying with the Aquaculture Act.

There being no questions the accounts were signed in approval by the Convenor.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the Convenor thanked the Proprietors very much for coming and closed the meeting.