



River Findhorn District Salmon Fishery Board

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Minute of Meeting of the Findhorn District Salmon Fishery Board

Held on Monday 20th August, 2014 in the Long Room, Logie Steading, at 6p.m.

Present: Alasdair Laing – Chairman
 Andrew Howard
 Ewen Brodie
 Lady Balgonie
 Seymour Monro

Robert Hoskin
 Billy Strathdee
 Anthony Laing
 David Sneddon

In attendance: Albert Duffus – Superintendent
 Robert Laughton – Director, Findhorn, Nairn & Lossie Fisheries Trust
 Valerie Wardlaw – Administrator, FDSFB

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies: Philip Mackenzie, Diana Usborne, Lord Cawdor, Sir Alastair Gordon-Cumming,	
2.	Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May 2014 Minutes were approved.	
3.	Matters arising not covered below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale reading report- RL will complete & circulate report shortly-please collect scale samples from all retained fish and check nets for discarded scales from released fish and send in to RL. Hatchery & electrofishing equipment- electrofishing equipment has been serviced, and loaned equipment returned to its owner. Spinning- Moray Estates and Forres AA anglers will continue to be able to use spinners, but will be encouraged to use barbless hooks. Biosecurity signs- VW still to ask Proprietors for number of signs required. Bailiff recruitment- A. Duffus retires at the end of January 2015. The Board agreed to promote S. Maclean to Head Bailiff and recruit for a second Bailiff, advertising will be organised for September. SM volunteered to help with the selection and interviewing process. VW to draft an advert. 	<p>RL</p> <p>VW</p> <p>SM VW</p>
4.	Budgets and Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2013/14 Accounts- Board agreed to accept the accounts; AH & PM to check that the income from the Investment portfolio is being reinvested. 2014/15 Budget- Alasdair Laing presented the draft Budget which the Board approved (2014-15 Budget –ctrl+click to access). The Board agreed to set the Assessment at 55p in the pound for the second year. Assessment letters will be issued in September for payment by end October to start bringing the levy in line with the financial year. 	<p>AH/PM</p> <p>VW</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Cowie has been asked to advise on what would happen to the Board's capital in the event of the Board being disbanded as a result of the Fisheries Review. • The Board agreed to change the accounting period from 15th May to 31st January to fit in with the fishing season. 	WC
5.	2015 Conservation Code The Board agreed to keep the Conservation Code as per the 2014 code.	
	Flood Alleviation Scheme Barbara Hellett and Steve Truluck from the Forres Flood Alleviation scheme joined the meeting to discuss the recent severe rainfall incident. They need to gauge the size of the event and asked board members for their opinions in relation to other rainfall incidents. The storm lasted 12-14 hours with between 70-120mm of rain recorded. VW to ask Steve Truluck for their results to circulate to the Board.	VW
6.	FNLFT Director Report Postponed to the Meeting of Qualified Proprietors	
7.	Head Bailiff Report Postponed to the Meeting of Qualified Proprietors	
8.	Catchment Developments Postponed to the Meeting of Qualified Proprietors	
9.	Register of Financial Interests VW to contact Lord Cawdor and A. Gordon Cumming to completed forms.	VW/ LCC/AGC
10	Wild Fisheries Review Postponed to the Meeting of Qualified Proprietors	
11	AOCB None	
12	Dates of future meetings 2014: . 24th November 2014- Board Meeting 10.30am, followed by Annual Public Meeting at 12.30, The Long Room Logie Steading.	
	Close of Meeting 7.30pm	