

<p>5.</p>	<p>Wild Fisheries Reform</p> <p>The Board discussed the Scottish Government’s advertisement of the general effect of its Kill Licence proposal: http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00482230.pdf</p> <p>The Board agrees with principal of controlling the killing of wild salmon as a conservation measure, but is concerned about the implementation of the legislation and specifically that it might create unintended consequences that do not help to conserve salmon stocks.</p> <p>Alasdair & Bob will submit a response to the Scottish Government by the 19th August indicating this feedback. Alasdair will respond to Colin’s email on this subject.</p> <p>Ewen suggested the Board should develop a template for discussion at the next meeting, showing how the licencing could be implemented; assuming the numbers of fish which can be legally killed will be based on a percentage of the 5 year catches. The Board can continue to update its voluntary Conservation Code in line with the new compulsory conservation measures.</p> <p>Billy Strathdee will discuss with Forres AA the possibility of inviting Richard Lochhead to one of their meetings to give their feedback on how the new legislation may be counterproductive as a conservation measure.</p>	<p>AL/RL AL</p> <p>RL</p> <p>BS</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Head Bailiff Report</p> <p>Sean reported the river has been fishing well for the last six weeks with lots of fish seen in most of the river and grilse showing in the last few weeks. The bailiffs have been very busy patrolling, but are unable to be everywhere on the river. Sean suggested the board might purchase wildlife surveillance cameras. VW to circulate information about the cameras to all proprietors who might be interested in a combined order and purchase two cameras for the Bailiffs to use. AH suggested Sean contact MEDCO offices as they have been using the cameras and found them very effective. SMcL/ RL to check legal aspects of using the cameras.</p> <p>Sean updated the board about the Lossiemouth poaching incident which may require the bailiffs to give evidence in court.</p>	<p>VW</p> <p>SMcL</p> <p>SMcL/RL</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>FNLFT Director Report</p> <p>INNS- Bob reported that all areas treated in previous years have been sprayed, with the uppermost infestation on the Findhorn also treated. A number of farmers and estates have also started treatment this year. Bob will be treating Japanese Knotweed this month. There may be a funding gap next year; however RAFTS are in the process of completing a large HLF project application which should be in place for 2017.</p> <p>Mink- no new sightings or captures in the Findhorn catchment.</p> <p>Scale samples- a good response this year, so the data is growing.</p> <p>Electrofishing- data is complete to date. Bob will be surveying the Nairn this year, but also intends to survey the Findhorn at Coignafearn, which he was unable to complete last year due to the spates.</p> <p>Sawbill counts continue along with general ad hoc sightings, which also provide useful information. Bob has applied for a licence.</p> <p>Publicity-the FNLFT had a stand at the Moy Game fair staffed by Valerie and Billy. There is a Salmon Festival being planned in Inverness for the 2nd to the 5th September http://scotlandsalmonfestival.org/index.xhtml</p> <p>The FNLFT is organising a River Festival and Duck Race at Logie on the 27th September.</p>	

	Drone flight- Bob organised a drone to survey INNS on the Findhorn which attracted national press and radio.	
8.	<p>Catchment Developments</p> <p>Moy WF – Bob will contact for an update on construction Further wind farms extending Berryburn are being considered. Bob will be doing baseline surveys for these developments. A96 duelling- Bob will be keeping in contact with the team as the Nairn Board were not consulted on the Auldearn to Inverness route, which is now progressing. Bob is being kept informed of A9 developments.</p>	<p>RL</p> <p>RL</p> <p>RL</p>
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Red vent- Ewen has seen this recently- caused by a parasite. Sean reported fresh fish coming into the river do not show red vent now. Any fish caught with red vent should be well cooked as the parasite can transfer to humans.</p> <p>Japanese Knotweed- Ewen asked when is the optimum time for treating JK. Bob thought it was in August when the plant is fully grown. Ewen will ask his contact at the Wye Foundation for advice as he suggested treatment was optimum after flowering.</p> <p>Biosecurity- Ewen is concerned that some Scottish rivers are not disinfecting tackle. Alasdair will suggest the ASFB lead on ensuring all rivers ask their anglers to disinfect tackle. RL will contact Roger Knight on the Spey to mention the biosecurity lapse reported to Ewen.</p> <p>Search & Rescue- Andrew reported concerns about the new search and rescue service after the recent incident in the Findhorn gorge. They may benefit from expert local knowledge in dealing with rescues and MEDCO have offered to host a training opportunity to help with this.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RL</p>
10	<p>Dates of future meetings 2015:</p> <p>December 14th Board meeting 10.30am followed by the Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors at 12.30pm. Venues to be confirmed.</p>	
	Close of Meeting 12.15pm	