

Forth District Salmon Fishery Board

Annual Public Meeting held on 26th November 2014, 8.00pm

Venue: Harviestoun Country Hotel

MINUTES

Attendees: **Board Members:** Fen Howieson (Chairman), Craig Gardner on behalf of Les Goodfellow (P), Scott Mason on behalf of Les Goodfellow (P), Mrs F Simpson (P), Tony Cameron (P), Alison Baker (C), William Anderson, Lisa Lawson & Kathryn Bontoft (Managed Estates)
(C – Co-optee, P – Proprietor or Rep)

Attendees: **Proprietors:** M Baillie-Hamilton (T13), M Croy (Len1a), S Duprey (Len1a), M Luti (T12)

Attendees: **Other:** D Adams

Apologies: Ali Dickson, Joe McGarvie, Scott Nisbett, George MacIntosh, Roy Robertson, Mrs C Noblett

1) New Actions

Item	Context	Owner
AOCB	<p>D Adams asked the Board if they planned to employ a new Director.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that although the FDSFB would benefit from having a new Director albeit under a different Title, the Board had to give careful consideration to the cost implications.</p> <p>D Adams raised the question of the Dee income assessment in relation to the donation made by the Dee Salmon Fishery Board to the River Dee Trust. He noted that the FDSFB donation to the RFFT is a higher percentage pro-rata and asked whether the FDSFB could afford such a donation.</p> <p>Alison Baker explained that the Dee and the Forth are not like for like comparisons.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that according to the budget for the current year that the FDSFB could afford the donation and that the donation would be considered annually. The Chairman also said that he feels the FDSFB get good value for money from their donation.</p> <p>M Luti expressed his disappointment that the Calair Burn had been removed from the SEPA priorities list and the general lack of projects in Callander and above as the main spawning areas.</p> <p>Alison Baker responded that there were collaborative projects in three areas around Callander between the Callander Landscape Project and the National Park.</p> <p>M Luti stated he was more interested in clearing obstacles from burns and asked what happens to approaches such as the Loch Katrine fish ladder.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that SEPA had looked but they will not do anything until 2015.</p> <p>Alison Baker advised that new flow rates will come into force in 2015. She invited M Luti to come and have a look with herself or Jo.</p>	

2) Open Actions

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Bailiff	<p>TM expressed concerns regarding policing the Upper Teith catchment, this will be discussed with BC and added to the Districts Bailiff Strategy.</p> <p><i>Closed the Bailiff Strategy is nearing completion and will be issued to Board Meeting during early 2015 and is being tracked via the Boards Minutes.</i></p>	Chairman
Forestry Commission	<p>TM to provide details regarding the fishing within the controls of the Forestry Commission.</p> <p><i>Closed no information has been forthcoming, this item is now closed, however the door is always open for TM to submit in future.</i></p>	Chairman
Meeting	<p>TM raised a concern regarding the timings of meetings going forward. Mr Howieson agreed that in future the Public Meeting would be held in the evening, that communications would be posted on the Boards Website and announcements issued to the Districts Clubs. Mr Howieson agreed to hold a Board Meeting within the Lothian area next year to encourage further attendance.</p> <p><i>Closed, the meetings have taken place at different venues and times and will continue to do so.</i></p>	Chairman/Clerk