

# Fisheries Management Scotland (unincorporated) final Board Meeting



## Minutes

**3 April 2018**

### **Present**

Alister Jack (Chairman)  
Alison Baker  
Mark Bilsby  
Roger Brook  
Douglas Dobie  
Alasdair Laing  
Simon McKelvey  
Mary Nicholson  
David Summers  
Bill Whyte

### **In attendance**

Alan Wells, Chief Executive  
Brian Davidson, Director of Communications & Administration

### **Apologies for absence**

Chris Conroy  
Brian Doran

### **1. Register of Interests**

No updates to members' entries have been necessary.

### **2. Matters arising from previous meeting**

**Wild Fisheries Reform** - The Wild Fisheries Reform – 'Priorities' paper was circulated previously and will be considered later.

**Banking** - The banking arrangements will be discussed below under 'Report on incorporation'

**Conservation limits** – AW explained that he has had some exploratory discussions with Marine Scotland on the principles contained in the discussion paper circulated previously. This was based on the principle that current work to develop the CL model would continue, and Marine Scotland Science would continue to assess salmon rivers on an annual basis.

The key change in approach proposed would be that rather than each river being assigned a grade, the main output would be the percentage chance that the egg requirement for each river has been reached, which is already a feature of the current model. This information would be supplied to the relevant DSFB to help inform decisions on the local conservation code. DSFBs could then set out in their statutory reporting how they have taken account of the assessment in setting their conservation measures.

Where stocks are predicted to be well below the CL, and assuming that there is broad agreement that the assessment reflects the local view of the state of salmon stocks, a DSFB may wish to continue with a statutory conservation limit approach (a number of DSFBs applied for statutory conservation measures prior to the CL system coming into place). It may be possible for DSFBs to 'opt-in' to an annual statutory instrument on that basis.

In the case of SAC rivers, it is likely that there will continue to be a need for those which fall into grade 3 under the current system to continue to be subject to mandatory catch and release through an annual statutory instrument.

The Board agreed that it was worth continuing with these discussion and progress would be reported. **ACTION: AW**

**Review sponsorship** – AW advised that it had not been possible to secure additional sponsorship for the 2018 Annual Review, but that Strutt and Parker had agreed to sponsor at the existing rate. The continuing support of Strutt and Parker was welcomed by the Board. Further options would be considered for the 2019 publication.

**Stocking policy** – Fisheries Management Scotland had agreed to present the previous RAFTS stocking policy papers (re-branded appropriately) to the membership for agreement to adopt as a Fisheries Management Scotland position. BD had contacted the authors of the papers to check whether any substantive changes may be required before presenting to the membership – the papers would then be issued to the membership once the authors had responded. **ACTION: BD**

### **3. Establishment of Fisheries Management Scotland Ltd & transfer of business, assets and liabilities**

AJ noted the following items approved by motion of the members at the Fisheries Management Scotland general meeting held at the Birnam Institute on 10 November 2017:

- That a company limited by guarantee be established to be called 'Fisheries Management Scotland' using the approved constitution and our existing board members.
- That our business be transferred from the unincorporated association to the new company in return for the grant of an indemnity by the new company to the membership of the association.

AJ reported that a company limited by guarantee and called 'Fisheries Management Scotland' has now been incorporated under number 587127 utilising the constitution

approved at the General Meeting of 10 November 2018, and in accordance with the motions approved at that meeting, the business, assets and liabilities of Fisheries Management Scotland should be transferred to the new company forthwith. It was resolved that that transfer should take effect from 3 April 2018.

It was resolved that on transfer of the business, assets and liabilities to the new company the unincorporated association of Fisheries Management Scotland should be wound up. This was proposed by Mark Bilsby and seconded by Mary Nicholson.

All business having been transacted the meeting was closed at 12.50