

Fisheries Management Scotland Predation Committee
Terms of Reference
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Introduction

The Fisheries Management Scotland [constitution](#) specifically allows committees to be formed at the discretion of the Board to carry forward specific business as may be deemed appropriate and conducive to the organisations interests. Membership may be drawn from both within and out with the membership.

Purpose

To inform and coordinate Fisheries Management Scotland activities relating to management of the impacts of predation and to facilitate a consistent approach at a local level.

Membership

The Committee membership will comprise of at least one member of the Fisheries Management Scotland Board, relevant Fisheries Management Scotland staff and relevant representatives. The committee will therefore include the following representatives:

- Roger Knight (River Spey) (Chair)
- Alan Wells (Fisheries Management Scotland)
- Lorraine Hawkins (River Dee)
- James Hunt (River Tweed)
- Marcus Walters (River Deveron)
- Bob Loughton (Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie)
- Mark Bilsby (Atlantic Salmon Trust)
- John Armstrong (Marine Scotland Science)
- Antje Branding (Marine Scotland)
- David Carss (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology)
- Graeme Taylor (SNH Licensing)
- Steve Campbell (SASA)

Authority

The Committee will inform and advise the Fisheries Management Scotland Board and staff on all matters relating to management of predation. The committee will have no executive function except as delegated by the Fisheries Management Scotland board.

Meetings

Meetings shall be held, as required, at a suitable location. Where possible, participation through tele-conference or Skype will be facilitated and as far as possible business will be conducted by correspondence.

Communications and Confidentiality

Minutes of the group will detail the agreed actions arising from Committee discussions. These will be circulated to Fisheries Management Scotland Board members and where necessary discussed at the full Fisheries Management Scotland Board. In some circumstances, the need for confidentiality may be justified. However, once developed, formal outputs of the group will be published on the Fisheries Management Scotland website.

Resources

Fisheries Management Scotland will organise meeting rooms and allocate staff time to developing and delivering the predation strategy and policy asks.

Duration

The group will remain extant as long as required. It is anticipated that the group will continue to meet at least throughout 2020-21.