

Minutes

BIDWELLS

Client: Beauly District Fishery Board
Project: Board Meeting
Venue: Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly
Date: 7 June 2012
Present: J Miller (Chair), M Spencer Nairn, F Spencer-Nairn, P Pacey, S Swift
M Bennett, J Whitbread
In attendance: N McAndrew, D McAndrew, M Fraser, K Williams
(Ness & Beauly Fisheries Trust); A Campbell (Clerk)

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Distribution: All Board Members

Description	Action
1 Apologies	
1.1 There were no apologies.	
2 Minutes of the Board Meeting 6 December 2011	
2.1 It was noted that Mr Jim Braithwaite of Beauly Angling Club had been nominated to sit on the Board of Ness & Beauly Fisheries Trust, not Mr Pacey as previously indicated.	
2.2 Keith Williams confirmed that he had not yet held a meeting with the various bailiffs and ghillies on the Beauly system, but hoped to do so very soon.	KW
2.3 The Minutes of the Board Meeting of 6 December 2011 were approved.	
3 Annual Catch Returns 2011	
3.1 It was noted that the proprietors as a whole had achieved a very commendable return rate of 76% catch and release. The total catch for the year was 1,154 salmon and 373 sea trout.	
4 Bailiffs	
4.1 The Clerk reported that Donald Fraser, who manages the Middle Beauly on behalf of Lovat Estate, had made an application to become a warranted bailiff, having recently completed the IFM exams. This was unanimously approved by the Board. The Clerk to issue a warrant card once Disclosure Scotland checks are complete.	Clerk
4.2 Paul Pacey asked whether Lower Beauly Syndicate bailiff Robert Smart could provide a bailiff service for the Angling Club Waters. He was asked to liaise with Bidwells concerning this as the costs of the bailiff are met by the Lower Beauly Fishing Syndicate.	PP/Bidwells

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5 Financial Report to date

- 5.1 The Clerk confirmed that expenditure for the year to date was £3,556 from a total budget of £35,702. Expenditure to date was predominantly made up of a contribution to the Cromarty District Fishery Board for boat patrols and annual subscription to ASFB. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information from the Cromarty Fishery Board in future concerning the extent of boat trips carried out on the Beauly Firth.

Clerk

6 Association of Salmon Fishery Boards

- 6.1 The finalised Code of Good Governance produced by ASFB was noted and all Board Members were asked to review this and note any issues that might arise prior to the next Board Meeting.
- 6.2 The Board agreed in principle that the Beauly District Fishery Board should have its own website page with standard information as proposed by ASFB. Following discussion, it was agreed that Minutes of the Board should be placed upon the website, but only once these had been formally approved. The Clerk was asked to confirm the cost of such a website

All

Clerk

7 Moray Firth Renewables

- 7.1 Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to ensure that a submission was made by the Board to the current EIA Consultation regarding the Beatrice Offshore Windfarm and that this submission should support the objections raised by ASFB.

Clerk

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Following the recent incidence of UDN infection on a fish on the Spey, all proprietors were urged to notify fishing tenants and ghillies to be particularly vigilant for any incidence of this in the River Beauly.
- 8.2 Mr Pacey notified the Board that the Angling Club had been approached regarding a proposal by SSE to run an underground cable under the River Beauly adjacent to the railway bridge at Beauly Village. The Board agreed that further details should be obtained from the contractors working on behalf of SSE as there were concerns regarding potential impact from the vibration and any works which would impact on the passage of fish.

All

Clerk

9 Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be held on **4 December 2012**.