

Beauly District Fishery Board
Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors

Date: 25th June 2025

Location: Bidwells, Ness Meeting Room/By Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Charles McAndrew (CMc), Eugenie Haniel (EH), Victoria Rothroe (VR), Alastair Campbell (AC), Ruth Watts (RW), Ali Skinner (AS), Hamish Hope (HH) Tom Chetwynd (TC), Frank Spencer-Nairn (FSN) and Mike Spencer-Nairn (MSN).

MINUTES

1. Apologies and Welcome

Donald Fraser and Jim Braithwaite were not able to attend.

AC welcomed those in attendance and invited any comments on last years minutes of the annual meeting of qualified proprietors. No comments were received and minutes were formally approved.

2. Annual Report 2025-26

A draft copy of the annual report had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting. AC thanked Ruth Watts, Ali Skinner and Hamish Hope for their work towards the Annual Report and apologies for not having the forward submitted prior to the meeting.

AC welcomed any comments or amendments to the annual report. The following amendments have been requested:

- Location of Tom Waring on the list of members
- Minor grammar changes
- Inclusion of a specific section regarding SSE

Action: AC to submit forward to HH. HH and RW to make changes and circulate final draft.

3. Annual Accounts for the year to 31 December 2024

No comments were made on the accounts and they were approved.

Action: HH to arrange for AC to sign and finalise accounts.

4. AOCB

MSN asked about feedback from SSE regarding the amount of water for smolt run. RW said that SSE did not have enough water and that SSE have stated they complied with the smolt protocol.

MSN asked if we should expect a higher mortality rate of smolts going to sea. RW has said that there does not appear to be a smolt mortality problem.

CMc asked how do the Board know that SSE have stuck to the smolt protocol and that we need to have access to the Dam at all times during the smolt run. RW said that SSE have agreed to provide retrospective information to confirm compliance with the smolt protocol.

AC highlighted that the smolt protocol was discussed with SSE in November 2024 but an updated document has not yet been provided to the Board from SSE. It is hoped with Chris Conroy starting at SSE, communication will improve.

Discussion on SSE ended as it is on the Agenda for the Board meeting.

5. Date of next Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors and Date of Annual Public Meeting

It was agreed that the 2026 Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors will be held in June 2026 and a date would be confirmed closer to the time.

The Annual Public Meeting is intended to go ahead in December 2025. Details will follow closer to the time.

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