

# NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

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### Auditors

Morris & Young  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
6 Atholl Crescent  
PERTH  
PH1 5JN

### Members of the board :

#### Chairman

F Drummond Esq

#### Upper proprietors

Alastair Campbell (Mandatory for Mr A Sykes - Kinloch)  
Mrs P Nicholson (River Mallart)  
Lord Iliffe (Naver)  
The Hon. George Lopes (Naver)  
J Gray Esq (Altnaharra)  
V Hackel Esq (Strathy)  
T Ward Esq (Halladale)  
J Salkeld Esq (Halladale)

#### Lower proprietors

G J P Mason Esq (Mandatory for River Naver Proprietors)  
(Retired 12/06/2010)  
P H R Gwyn Esq (Mandatory for River Naver Proprietors)  
(Appointed 12/06/2010)  
J Mackay Esq (Armadale)

#### Co-opted members

P Butterworth Esq (Tenant Angler)

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# NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

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In accordance with the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) Scotland Act 2003, section 44 1 (b), we have audited the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010 set out on pages 3 to 5 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

This report is made solely to the Board members of Northern District Salmon Fishery Board. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of duly elected and duly co-opted board members and auditors**

#### **Board members**

Section 44 1(b) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) Scotland Act 2003 requires the Board to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Board and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Board members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Board will continue in operation.

The Board members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Board. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Auditors**

As described above, the Board members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view. We also report to you, in our opinion, if the board has not kept proper accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board members in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Board's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

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We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Board's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.

Mr Peter Young B.A.,C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Morris & Young, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
6 Atholl Crescent  
PERTH  
PH1 5JN

20 September 2011

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## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
Turnover	41,804	47,659
Assessments		
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Insurance	525	525
Boat Patrols	27,150	28,443
Management Charges	4,988	10,500
Meeting expenses	297	267
Legal and prof fees	533	-
Accountancy	714	1,249
Audit	750	-
Bank charges	14	16
Sundry expenses	32	-
Subscriptions	2,755	2,354
	<u>(37,758)</u>	<u>(43,354)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<u><u>4,046</u></u>	<u><u>4,305</u></u>

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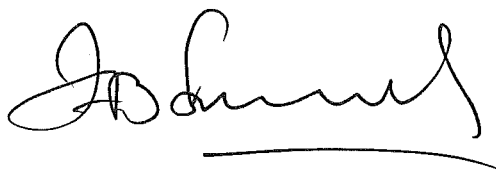
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Notes	2010 £	£	2009 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Trade debtors		-		4,086	
Other debtors		-		154	
Cash at bank and in hand		38,081		14,058	
		<u>38,081</u>		<u>18,298</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade creditors		19,176		4,069	
Accruals		1,250		620	
		<u>20,426</u>		<u>4,689</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>17,655</u>		<u>13,609</u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
At 1 January 2010			13,609		9,304
Profit for the year			4,046		4,305
			<u>17,655</u>		<u>13,609</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated , I approve the accounts set out on pages 3 to 5. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1 to the accounts, and for providing Morris & Young with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Mr F Drummond



Date : 20 September 2011

# NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services.

### 2 Taxation

Northern District Salmon Fishery Board is not subject to taxation on income derived from proprietor contributions on the grounds of mutual trading. Taxation has been provided for on non-trading income.

### 3 Related party transactions

Members of the Board represent Proprietors who pay assessments to the Board. Assessments are paid in accordance with independently assessed rateable values. The Members of the Board are assessed at the same rate as Proprietors who are not Members of the Board.

During the year an invoice for £7,474 for boat patrols in the 2010 season was received from The Kinloch Estate. Also during the year invoices for £19,176 for boat and foot patrol were received from River Naver Proprietors for the 2010 season. An invoice of £500 from H Montgomery in respect of 2010 was received in early 2011. At the balance sheet date the amount of £19,176 is due to River Naver Proprietors and no amount is due to The Kinloch Estate.

This is the fifth annual report for the Northern District Salmon Fishery Board since it was formed by the Northern District Salmon Fishery Board Designation Order in September 2006.

The Board has a statutory role to play in the protection and improvement of fisheries within its district and has actively participated on a number of fronts this year. The Board does not employ any members of staff and therefore supports services or activities carried out by others which in its view are appropriate and appear to assist it to fulfil its role. The control of poaching and illegal netting activity by boat and foot patrols is an activity which the Board endorses by the issuing of Warrant Cards to qualified or well experienced Bailiffs within the district. In this respect it is important to mention that Hugh Montgomery from the Kinloch Estate, a Bailiff of many years experience, successfully passed the IFM Bailiff's exam in March this year.

The North Coast Sea Patrol has been active this year coordinated by the River Naver Superintendent Chris Conroy. The patrol is a collaborative venture to deter illegal netting at sea which intercepts fish on the way to their natal rivers in areas that are not normally monitored by Proprietors of fishing rights within the District. Sea and foot patrols started in the middle of April (a month earlier than last year) across nearly the full extent of the District's coastline with an emphasis on the coastline and waters about Strathy Point and Boursa Island. The Patrols stopped and inspected a number of vessels and vehicles with the circumstances of one vehicle inspection resulting in a salmon being seized and the driver of the car being reported under S.9 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 with a case file now being presented to the Procurator Fiscal by the Police. The effort made by the Northern Constabulary in support of the Bailiffs work and in responding to the intelligence they receive is very much appreciated and continues to be encouraged.

Whilst no illegal activity was detected as a result of this year's North Coast Patrols it is clear that a number of incidents did occur within the District. In addition to this reports suggest that illegal fishing for salmon may be occurring along the north coast at very low levels. This may or may not be true but is clear that the locals are aware of the presence of both the NDSFB patrol boats and coastal watchers and there seems little doubt that without the threat of being detected by the Patrol illegal fishing activity would increase.

In April the Board were advised by Pelamis Wave Power that they had secured an Agreement for Lease from the Crown Estate to develop a wave energy farm of up to 15MW capacity, at Farr Point, off the Bettyhill Coast. The Board responded to consultation requests from the company expressing concern that any development must have as a core principle that the current and future fortunes of salmonid populations will not be affected. The agreement the developers have secured does not mean that the work will inevitably go ahead. The developers have a current hope of the project at some level being energised by 2014/15 but have yet to begin negotiations on even the extent of the work they will be required to do to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment which, along with a Navigational Risk Assessment, would accompany the application to the Scottish Government for consent to develop. The Board will continue to engage in influencing the extent of the work required as part of the consenting process, on its own account but also in liaison with the ASFB and neighbouring Boards where required.

Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) appear close to securing consent for the Strathy North wind farm. The Board continues to maintain an objection to the project with the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The Board are a Statutory Consultee and are actively engaged in the consenting process. The main aim of the involvement is to secure a monitoring and mitigation programme to be put in place at the developers expense to ensure that in the event the development does go ahead the interests of the salmon fisheries are in no way compromised. Draft terms for an agreement along these lines are under negotiation with SSE in liaison with the ECU.

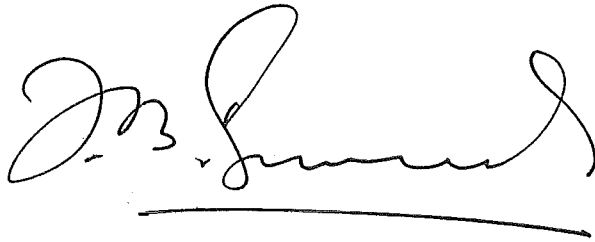


In June 2010 the Caithness DSFB applied for a Designation Order to amend the boundaries of the Northern Fishery District effectively to incorporate the Halladale River within the Caithness District. This was done following discussions between the Proprietors of the Halladale River and the Caithness DSFB. The Northern DSFB considered the matter very carefully and formally objected to the application in favour of the status quo. The matter currently rests with the Scottish Government.

On the fishing front – the District has had a very dry year with the lowest river levels on record being recorded in May. As a result the catches have been sporadic with the majority of fish being captured during the few 'wet' periods. The spring fish arrived approximately three weeks late but did so in extremely good numbers with a lot of fish over the 15lb mark. Grilse also arrived approximately three weeks late but unfortunately they did so in relatively low numbers when compared to the 2010 season.

Overall, despite being an extremely dry year with an average grilse run, the high numbers of spring salmon mean that 2011 will still be a good year.

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