

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of the NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY
BOARD held on TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018 at 2.00PM at the BETTYHILL HOTEL**

Present: Mr Toby Ward (Convener)
The Rt. Hon Lord Iliffe
Mr D Hurst-Brown
The Hon G Lopes
Mr P Gwyn
Mr Jim Gray
Mr S Green
Mr A Adamson
Mr J Mackay
Mr V Hackel (via Skype)

In attendance: Mr A Youngson
Mrs S Lopes
Mr D Buchan
Mr James J Gray
Mr A Muat
Mr D Hodge
Mr R Wright
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

The Convenor welcomed all to the Annual Public Meeting.

1. ANNUAL REPORT

The Clerk referred to the Annual Report, which she explained had been considered at the September 2017 meeting of the Annual Qualified Proprietors and covers the Board's activity for the period 2016/2017.

Mr Buchan had previously noted to the Clerk that the date in the Annual Report for the last Annual Public Meeting should read 9th May 2017 and not 9th May 2016. The Clerk advised that this correction had been made and the revised annual report is published on the NDSFB website for information.

There were no questions or comments.

2. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

The Clerk referred to the 2016 Financial Accounts, which she explained had been considered at the meeting of the Annual Qualified Proprietors held in September 2017. The annual accounts are available to the public on the NDSFB website.

Mr Buchan asked about the £3,200 against consultancy fees for 2016 in the financial accounts. The Clerk confirmed that £2,000 of this was in relation to the Northern Board's contribution to the Fisheries Management Plan that was produced by Alan Youngson on behalf of the 3 Far North Boards (Northern, Caithness and Helmsdale DSFBs). It was agreed that this Fisheries Management Plan should be re-circulated to all Board members for information and a copy of the Plan placed on the Northern DSFB's Website.

Mr Buchan also noted that the bank balance for the Northern Board has remained at approximately £10,000 at the start of each of the last few years and suggested it may be worthwhile reducing this balance in future years. It was agreed that this would be discussed further under the finance section of the Board meeting, following the Annual Public Meeting.

There were no further questions or comments.

3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The Convenor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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