

CAITHNESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING 2014

The meeting took place on Tuesday 26 August at the Ulbster Arms, Halkirk at 3 pm. This was the first annual public meeting of the Board, held in accordance with s.24(3) (46b) of the 2013 Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act.

Present

The meeting was attended by Board members, proprietors and officers to the Board, with Viscount Thurso in the Chair. Details of the meeting had been publicised on the Board's website for the preceding 3 months and advertised prominently in the local press.

Record of Proceedings

1. The Chairman welcomed all those attending this first meeting.
2. The agenda covered Board activities for 2013, the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013, and activities for 2014. There were no queries or discussion, all persons present being already familiar with the topics for consideration and having contributed to the formal approval process of the 2013 Report and Accounts.
3. Before closing, concerns were expressed at the high cost of publicising meetings with the requisite detail to comply with the 2013 Act. It was noted that press advertising was disproportionately high in the far North which added to the burden for the Caithness DSFB. It was agreed that consideration would be given to abbreviating details in future publicity.

Date of next meeting

Next year's Annual Public Meeting is scheduled to take place in August 2015.