

CAITHNESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
of
PROPRIETORS OF FISHINGS**

held at the Ulbster Arms Hotel, Halkirk
on Tuesday 26 August 2014

Present:	Viscount Thurso MP (Board Chair)	Thurso Fisheries Ltd
	John Mackay (Board Vice-Chair)	Wick Angling Association
	Anson MacAuslan	Berriedale & Langwell
	Tertius Threipland	Dunbeath River
	Earl of Caithness	Forss House Fishings
	Hamish Sutherland	Forss River/Achalone
	Simon Laird	Thurso River
	Sir Richard Dunbar	Wick River
In attendance:	Eleanor Constable	Clerk to the Board

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr W Calder (Reay Farms), Mr W Palmer CBE (Latheronwheel) and Mr S Mackie (Scrabster Harbour Trust).

Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those attending the meeting. Attention was drawn to the first Annual Report to be issued which provided an overview of Board activities for 2013 as well as plans for the current year. He highlighted two aspects considered to be of special interest to Proprietors:

- a. the Board was now fully compliant with the Code of Governance;
- b. the baseline survey of juvenile salmonids in Caithness rivers, undertaken with support of the Crown Estate, had been a great success.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Proprietors held on 30 August 2013 were approved.

Annual Report 2013

The annual report was considered. The Proprietors recorded their thanks to Mr Youngson, Scientific Consultant to the Board, for his personal contribution to success of the baseline survey, both as Team Leader for the project and for producing the resultant report. Recognition was also given to the formation of the Flow Country Rivers Trust in conjunction with the Northern DSFB during the year.

Financial Statements

The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 were formally approved by the Proprietors.

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There was no further business.