

URR DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting held at
The Market Inn, Queen Street, Castle Douglas
on 5th February 2019

Present: R Bellamy (Chairman)
K Irving
W Levi-Marshall
A Ferguson
K Gibson

W G N Gourlay (Clerk)

Observers: R Smith
J Seed
S Perry

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from D Biggar, G Kerr and A Graham.

2. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF 28th NOVEMBER 2018

The Minutes were approved, subject to the correction of the date of the AGM to 18th March.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a) The Chairman reported that work to re-connect the outflow from the Dalbeattie Reservoir dam is in progress. The target date for completion is the end of March, following which it will take about 6 weeks to fill the reservoir, in stages. During filling a compensation flow in the outlet burn will be maintained. It is intended that re-stocking may take place in June. No crayfish have been found.
- b) Marine Scotland had not agreed to the Board holding unused tags for re-issue in 2019. The unused tags had to be returned to Marine Scotland. It was noted that in circumstances where a fish is split and possible sold to

separate purchasers, there is no mechanism provided for in the legislation to follow up the tag.

4. CHAIRMANS REMARKS

The Meeting noted the requirement from 2019 to record and report to Marine Scotland the Fishing Effort expended on each Beat. The Associations have a probable problem in capturing this information. A day may extend from a single cast to 24 hours.

5. DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

The Clerk tabled the Draft Accounts. The budget had been to break even. In the event there was a surplus of £118.79. The total of reserves at the year-end was £10,484.48. Creditors stood at £420.00. The cash balance was £8,990.28.

The Clerk explained that it had previously been agreed at an AGM that the Board should maintain a sufficient balance to cover the cash outflow during the year until Levy receipts came in, and an equivalent sum as a safety margin.

Subject to correction of a typographical error on the Balance Sheet, the Accounts were approved for submission to the AGM.

6 ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGM

The Chairman advised that the AGM (18th March) would be a business meeting with an opportunity for GFT to brief us on matters of current concern/interest.

7. 2019 LEVY RECOMMENDATION

The Board accepted the Clerk's proposal that the Levy to be recommended to the AGM should remain at 45p in the pound.

8. 2018 RETURNS

The Clerk circulated the Summary of Returns made by each Beat on the river, where he had received Returns. Salmon and Sea Trout had crashed but Grilse had risen by comparison with 2017. No revised Return had been received from Kilquhanity.

NOTE: Subsequent to preparation of the Summary further Returns have been received. A Revised Summary is appended to these Minutes.

9. AOCB

It was agreed that the Chairman would write on behalf of the Board to Mr C Fulton agreeing to his replacement of a culvert in the Edingham Burn with a footbridge, subject to compliance with GBR6, work between May and September and protection with a silt barrier during construction, all as required by SEPA.

10. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The meeting was appointed for Monday 25th November at 7.00pm at The Market Inn, Castle Douglas.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting closed at 8.06pm.

**URR DISTRICT SALMON FISHERIES BOARD
CATCH STATISTICS SEASON 2018**

INDEX NO	SALMON			GRILSE			SEA TROUT		
	RELEASED	RETAINED	WEIGHT Kg	RELEASED	RETAINED	WEIGHT Kg	RETAINED	RELEASED	WEIGHT Kg
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 X									
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5									
6		1	5	1	3	8.6			
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	6	-	27	3	2	13	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 X									
14 X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 X									
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	1	-	3.5		-	-	-	1	0.5
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 X									
23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1	-	3.25	1	-	1.75	-	3	2.0
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 X									
28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	1	-	2.75	1	1	1.75
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	2	-	8.0	1		1.75	-	3	2.0
33	2	-	10.0	7	4	27.1	2	7	6.9
34	1	-	5.5	1	-	2.0	1	-	0.25
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	1	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.65
37	1	-	5.0	1	-	2.75	2	-	0.5
38	9	1	50.5	15	2	47.5	-	4	4.0
39	1	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	12	1	52	25	5	70.5	3	2	4.25
41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48 X									
49 X									
50 X									
51	-	2	10.0	-	1	2.0	4	-	4.9
TOTAL	37	5	188.40	56	17	165	13	22	27.7

2017 50 10 288.0 33 11 93.5 7 41 38.25

Note: X denotes failure to submit a return.