



River Findhorn District Salmon Fishery Board

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Minute of the Board Meeting

Held on Monday 9th August 2021 virtually at 10.30am

Present:

Anthony Laing -(Chairman)
Alasdair Laing
Julie Balgonie
Andrew Howard

Mark Laing
Graham Bell
Colin Cawdor

In attendance:

Sean McLean (Head Bailiff),
Alister Taylor (Bailiff)

Robert Laughton – Director, FNLFT
Valerie Wardlaw – Administrator, FDSFB

A	Item	Action
1.	Apologies: Alex Leven, Tony Watts none	
2.	Minutes of Meeting 24th May 2021 Minutes were approved.	
3.	Matters arising	
4.	<p>Budget & Finance Budget Update- VW circulated an updated budget and cashflow forecast for this financial year. There are two amendments to the circulated budget update- the £10k for the AST tags will be removed from the P&L and will be paid from reserves. In addition, there is a reduction of £4.5K in budgeted income from the Job Retention Scheme, as the bailiffs returned to work full time earlier than anticipated. This results in a projected loss at the yearend of £11,400. The board agreed in November 2020 to reduce the levy from 46p to 42p in the £ to result in a loss for this year as the previous financial year closed with a surplus of circa £18k. VW will circulate the corrected budget with the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>Annual Accounts to January 2021- are still in preparation but will be circulated to the board for amendment and approval. They have been delayed by the setting up of a new bookkeeping process which will allow for less duplication of data entry and more accurate financial forecasting.</p>	<p>VW</p> <p>VW</p>
5.	<p>River Matters FNLFT/FDSFB SLA- AntL and ML have signed the amended SLA which incorporated AH comments on H&S. The loan agreement for the purchase of the FNLRT vehicle has also been signed. VW will circulate copies to the board with minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>Biosecurity- RL requested that any agricultural contractors be encouraged to clean machinery used near the river to prevent GH seed contamination, where relevant.</p> <p>Pacific Pink salmon have not been reported from the Findhorn but have been seen elsewhere. Red vent has been reported from the Findhorn. Fisheries Management Scotland have set up a data recording portal to collect</p>	<p>VW</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>information on sightings of Pink salmon and red vent. Please encourage all anglers to use this app. https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/1b8632f1d06c48c89bbac8901d084346?</p> <p>RL commented that there were no reports of diseased salmon earlier in the year, although April was hot and dry. Other rivers did see diseased fish. One diseased eel was found in the Findhorn.</p> <p>H&S- Sean reported that the life jackets are being serviced. There were no incidents to report.</p>	
6.	<p>Head Bailiff Report Postponed to AGM</p>	
7.	<p>FNLFT Director Report Postponed to AGM</p>	
8.	<p>Catchment Developments Postponed to AGM</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB None</p>	
10	<p>Dates of 2021 Meetings November 15th 10.30am Board Meeting</p>	