FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31ST 2016

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152

COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687

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FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS : Maj Gen Seymour Monro CBE LVO DL, Chairman

(resigned 8/12/2015)

Philip Mackenzie, Treasurer

Jamie Whittle
James Dunbar
Rosalind MacRae
Fred Rhind
Frank Clark

Campbell Ross (resigned 8/12/2015)

Alasdair Laing OBE DL

Roy Dennis

David Houldsworth
Marcus Braithwaite-Exlev

Hon. Mark Laing, Chairman (appointed 8/12/2015)

COMPANY SECRETARY : R&R Urquhart, Solicitors

REGISTERED OFFICE : R&R Urquhart, Solicitors

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ACCOUNTANT : Anne A Laing

Chartered Accountant

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RECOGNISED CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152

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FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 DIRECTORS' REPORT

1. Introduction

The Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 31st October 2008. Its Charity status was granted on the 18st December 2008. In April 2009, the Trust was formally launched by Mr Richard Lochhead, MSP for Moray and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs. The Fisheries Office opened and the first employee began work on 26st October 2009.

2. Governance and Management

Membership of the Trust consists of representatives of the Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie District Salmon Fishery Boards (DSFB), the local councils, the local angling associations, SNH, SEPA, and those with an interest in fisheries and river management. The Trust's Board meets three times per year, in addition to the AGM.

- (a)Governing documents: Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association, Company limited by guarantee
- (b)Appointment of Directors: The Findhorn DSF8 is entitled to nominate two Directors to the Board. The Nairn and Lossie DSFBs, the Forres and Nairn Angling Associations and the Eigin and District Angling Association are each entitled to nominate one Director to the Board. The membership is entitled to nominate six Directors to the Board. At each AGM, one-third of the Directors must retire by rotation. The Directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment. As between those Directors who became or were appointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Directors shall hold office for a maximum of two terms of three years. The first elections were held at the AGM in November 2011.
- (c)Induction and training of Directors: Upon election or appointment, new Directors must sign a statement that they have received the Articles and Memorandum of Association. The Articles and Memorandum detail their roles, responsibilities and legal obligations. Directors will already have expertise in fisheries and/or river management.
- (d)Organisational and decision-making structure: The Board makes policy decisions and any decision involving a substantial cost. Board members and Ordinary members may vote at AGMs. Associate Members may attend AGMs but are not entitled to vote. The Articles of Association lay out clear procedures for Members to declare an interest in a particular topic, in which case they are not entitled to vote on it. Day-to-day operating decisions are made by the Director, Administrator, Chairman and Treasurer.
- (e) and (f) Wider network and related parties: The Trust is part of Rivers and Fishenes Trusts of Scotland (RAFTS), which is the umbrella group incorporating 24 fellow trusts. RAFTS work very closely with the Scotlish Government and give us guidance on what policies we should be implementing. The Trust works in very close co-ordination with the Findhord DSFB, the Narro DSFB and the Lossie DSFB. Indeed the Chairman, Director and Administrator of the Trust attend all three DSFB meetings. The director provides scientific advice and the Administrator provides administrative support to the DFBs.
 - There is an annual Joint Action Group meeting chaired by the Trust. Chairs of the DSFBs attend that meeting to decide future policies and actions on the rivers.
- (g) The Charity has reviewed its financial risks, security risks at the office and health and safety risks on the rivers and has taken the necessary precautions, including taking out an appropriate insurance policy.

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

3. Objective and Activities

These are as follows:

a)The Trust's objectives are:

To conserve and restore all species of native freshwater fish and improve their habitats, and

To advance the education and understanding of the river environment and river catchment management.

The Trust thus has a broad remit and works in close co-ordination with the three DSFBs and with the angling associations, local councils, SEPA and SNH.

The Trust undertakes and commissions research on the state of the river and the fish, coordinates projects for the improvement of the river such as obstacle removal, supports and coordinates water bailiff efforts, supports and co-ordinates predator control measures and the control of INNS

b)Main objectives for the Year

Main objectives for the year:

Juvenile fish surveys of the River Naim and data compiled for previous years.

Project work on the control of Invasive Non-Native species (INNS) of plants and animals continued.

Monitoring of wind farms, flood alleviation schemes and road upgrades continued.

Supporting and co-ordinating habital restoration projects on the Naim

Consolidation of the river bailiffing team under the guidance of the Director.

Organisation of a River Festival as a fundraising and awareness raising event.

c) Strategy for achieving these objectives:

Supervise and co-ordinate the INNS control programme, traising with riparian owners, contractors volunteers and members of the local community. Seek additional funding to expand the project. Conduct monitoring activities, both routine and for specific developments, to assess changes in fish populations.

Participate in the Scotlish Mink Initiative, Moray Firth Trout Initiative and Moray Firth Predator Management Group

d) Details of significant activities:

Electrofishing surveys were undertaken to establish fish stocks. Water monitoring of wind farm developments continued.

The Director liaised with landowners and volunteers to spray control INNS on the Naim, Lossie and Findhorn catchments. Funding applications were made to expand control of INNS.

The Trust continued to manage the Mink Initiative, supervising bailiffs and recruiting volunteers to support a control network.

The Director worked in partnership with the DSFBs to respond to development consultations and monitoring of Windfarm and other developments continued

The Director continued to progress an instrative to remove or alleviate barriers on the Linkwood Burn in partnership with distillery operators and SEPA.

The Director supported the Upper Naim River Restoration project and organised a scoping survey for further improvements.

Electrofishing surveys were undertaken to establish stocks.

Collection of scale samples and collection and analysis of catch data was improved.

Regular meetings with the bailiffing team and joint patrols were instigated.

Schools sessions were delivered in partnership with the Moray Firth Trout Initiative.

One newsletter was produced and a Facebook page set up.

A River Festival and Fly fishing competition were organised.

- e) The charity does not conduct a material part of its activities through grant making although it made a significant donation (£2,000) to the Moray Firth Sea Trout Project.
- The charity does not make investments.
- g) A number of volunteers assisted the Trust with INNS and mink control and there has been a significant time commitment from the Chairman and other Directors.

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4. Achievements and Performance

The Trust's achievements and performance may be summarised as follows:

- a) The Trust is now working in full co-operation with the three District Salmon Fishery Boards. The Trust's Administrator is also administrator to all three DSFBs.
- b) Control of INNS, mink and crayfish continues on all three rivers and predator management strategies are now functioning more effectively
- c) The Trust provides scientific advice to the DSFBs and is consulted on major developments such as windfarms, Flood alteriation schemes and infrastructure improvements.
- d) Fundraising activities: The Trust raised £4180 in angler contributions and £11,554 through other fundraising efforts.
- e) Fundraising activities: The Trust organised a fundraising fly fishing competition.
 Minimal administrative costs were involved. A River Festival and Duck Race were organised, supported by a grant that covered infastructure costs.
- No material investments are held.
- g) Factors relevant to achievement of objectives: The three DSFBs and the FNLT continue to work effectively together.

5. Financial Review

- . Review of financial position:
 - a) The Trust continues to produce a small surplus each year.
 - b) Any funds materially in deficit: none
 - c) Principle funding sources
 - Contributions from the Findhorn DSFB, the Nairn DSFB and the Lossie DSFB £25,650 (2015 £25,000)
 - Grants and project income £97,525 (2015 £92,360)
 - iii.Anglers' donations £4,180 (2015 £3,310)
 - iv. How expenditure during the year has supported the key objectives of the charity: As seen above, the key objectives of the Trust are to conserve and restore all species of native freshwater fish and improve their habitats, and to advance the education and understanding of the river environment and river catchment management.
 - All Costs of Generating Funds £109,092 (2015 £96,561) were used to support, administer and co-ordinate these activities.
 - d) Material investments: none

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

6. Plans for Future Periods

The Fisheries Management Plans for the three rivers will continue to inform the Trust's choice of projects for future years. Control of non-native species and predators will continue to be prioritised and funding sought to continue these projects. Barrier removal in the River Lossie catchment will be a long term objective. Funding opportunities will continue to be identified.

7. Funds Held as Custodian Trustee

The Trust holds monies on behalf of the Moray Firth Predator Management Group. This group was formed in spring 2010 to investigate and manage the interactions between piscivorous birds and salmonids. To date, the group has had no additional income and has incurred no expenses. Thus there is no need for arrangements for segregating funds. When the Group becomes more active, the Trust plans to devise such arrangements

8. Conclusion

The Trust continues to grow, while producing a small surplus. The addition of the Director/Biologist to the staff makes possible a much wider range and depth of work.

Hon. Mark Laing, Chairman

22 nd august 2016

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31st 2016.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In preparing these financial statements the officials are required to.

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so
 on the grounds that the charity is unlikely to continue in existence.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregulanties.

DIRECTORS

The Directors who served the Company during the year were as follows:

Maj Gen Seymour Monro CBE LVO DL, Chairman (resigned 8/12/2015)

Philip Mackenzie, Treasurer

Jamie Whittle

James Dunbar

Rosalind MacRae

Fred Rhind

Frank Clark

Campbell Ross (resigned 8/12/2015)

Alasdair Laing OBE DL

Roy Dennis

David Houldsworth

Marcus Braithwaite-Exley

Hon, Mark Laing, Chairman (appointed 8/12/2015).

SMALL COMPANY PROVISION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Registered office:

R&R Urquhart, Solicitors 117-121 High Street FORRES IV36 1AB Signed by order of the Directors

Hon, Mark Laing, Chairman

Approved by the Directors on 22 nd august 2016

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 2016

I report on the financial statements on pages 8 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

As described on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law.

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors consider that an audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulation does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charitres Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Roy J Laing MAAT Anne A. Laing Chartered Accountant

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Chartered Accountants Lavona, Calcots, ELGIN

4th October 2010

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

OTATEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES					
		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
		FUNDS	FUNDS	FUNDS	FUNDS
		2016	2016	2016	2015
		<u>£</u>	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note				
Fundraising	2	11,554	0	11,554	13,186
Anglers' contributions	3	4,180	0	4,180	3,310
DSFB Contributions	4	25,650	0	25,650	25,000
Investment income	5	25	0	25	22
Grants and project income	6	97,525	7,148	104,673	92,360
Total incoming resources		138,934	7,148	146,082	133,878
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds	7	109,092	7,148	116,240	96,561
Charitable activities	8	21,009	0	21,009	25.178
Governance costs	9	798	0	798	640
Total resources expended		130,899	7,148	138,047	122,379
Net incoming resources		8,035	0	8,035	1 1 ,499
Transfers between funds		o	0	۵	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
Fund balances as at March 31st 2015		44,007	0	44,007	32,508
Fund balances as at March 31st 2016		52,042	0	52,042	44,007

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31ST 2016

		2016	2015
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	10	2,893	3,856
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank		80,046	58,134
Debtors	11	44,356	44,330
		124,402	102,464
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals	12	75,253	62,313
NET CURRENT ASSETS		49,149	40,151
TOTAL ASSETS		52,042	44,007
REPRESENTED BY			
RESERVES			10-20
Restricted Funds		0	0
Unrestricted Funds		52,042	44,007
		52,042	44,007

The Directors

- 1 confirm that for the year ended March 31st 2016 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- 2 confirm that the members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 3 acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
 - (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015)

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on which have fine to and signed on its behalf by

Hon. Mark Laing, Chairman

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND LOSSIE FISHERIES TRUST SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC040152 COMPANY NUMBER: SC350687 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 - Accounting by Charities including the 2006 Regulations for preparing charity accounts.

Income and expenditure

Income has been taken account of using an accruals basis, with pledges, covenants and recoverables being accounted for in the period they relate to rather than when received. Expenditure has been similarly charged to the revenue account.

Charitable Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure includes all expenditure incurred on grants awarded or on other schemes run in pursuance of the Chanty's objectives. The direct costs of supporting these activities, including staff, establishment and other overhead costs are included as support costs under this heading.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates calculated to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Motor & equipment 25% reducing balance

2	INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING All income was used charitable activities.	2016 £ 11,554	2015 £ 13,186
3	INCOME FROM ANGLERS' CONTRIBUTIONS	2016 £ 4.180	2015 £ 3,310
4	INCOME FROM DSFB CONTRIBUTIONS This income is from the district fishery boards who	2016 £ 25.650 work along side the Trus	2015 £ 25,000
5	INVESTMENT INCOME The investment income is bank interest received.	2016 £	2015 £
6	GRANTS AND PROJECT INCOME	2016 £ 104,673	2015 £ 92,360

In 2016 a restricted grant of £7148 2015(0) was received. This grant was used under the terms of the restriction during the year. Other monies received relate to services provided under the charity aims.

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		<u>2016</u> £	<u>2015</u> €
7	COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		2
	Equipment	713	146
	INNS	2,268	3,647
	Mink Project	3,131	6,739
	Contract expenditures	11,716	0,, 50
	Rothes wind farm extension	1,292	682
	Велу Виго	33,500	29,221
	MG Wind Farm	356	419
	Tom nan Clach	330	81
	Moy Wind Farm	215	121
	Mouchel Windfarm	1,065	0
	Fund Raising Expenses	2,761	112
	Wages - Regular	\$2,533	51,380
	Employers NI	3,011	2,894
	Employers Pensions	3,679	1,119
		116,240	96,561
		110,240	30,30:
8	COSTS FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
	Office Machine Maintenance	O	50
	Repairs and Renewats	ō	1,826
	Charitable Expenditure - Grants Payable	2,000	1,000
	Subscriptions	2,305	2,370
	Local Projects	2,506	845
	Newsletter	390	988
	Rent	2,550	1,926
	Premises Insurance	855	776
	Electricity	298	398
	Biomass Heat charge	426	384
	Travelling	136	381
	Registration fees	171	0
	Staff Training	266	55\$
	Postage and Carriage	429	254
	Telephone	1,123	1,090
	Broadband	596	343
	Office Stationery	624	901
	Miscellanous	148	9
	Website hosting	188	30
	Fuel	2,035	2,842
	Miscellaneous Motor Expenses	1,920	1,600
	Accountancy Fees	1,066	3,792
	Professional Fees	0	
	Sundry	13	1,520
	Depreciation	964	13
	and the state of t	21,009	1,285 25,178
		21,000	25,110
9	GOVERNANCE COSTS	798	640

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YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 2016

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

10	I ANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		MOTOR	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	TOTAL	
	Cost	£	£		
	At 1 April 2015	8,500	638	9,138	
	Added	0	0	0	
	Disposals	6	0	0	
	At 31 March 2016	8,500	638	9,138	
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2015	4,913	369	5,282	
	On disposals	0	0	0	
	Charge for year	897	66	963	
	At 31 March 2016	5,810	435	6,245	
	Net Book Value				
	At 31 March 2016	2.690	203	2,893	
	At 31 March 2015	3,587	269	3,856	
			2016	2015	
			£	£	
11	DEBTORS				
	Debtors being received after the year end.		44,356	44,330	
12	CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS				
	Funds held as custodian trustee for Moray Firth Predator				
	Management Group.		24,969	24,969	
	Trade Creditors and Accruals		50.284	37,344	
			75.253	62,313	
13	PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES				
	The aggregate payroll costs of the above we	ro.			
	Wages	i G.	55 544	EA 274	
		annotauace	55,544	54,274	
	In the year to March 31st 2016 there were 2	employees.			