

## RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

## **MINUTES**

1st Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

## Wednesday 7 January 2015

Present:

Claudia Beamish Alex Fergusson Jim Hume Michael Russell Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener) Rob Gibson (Convener) Angus MacDonald Dave Thompson

Apologies were received from Cara Hilton.

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. Scotland's National Marine Plan: The Committee took evidence from—

Annie Breaden, Senior Manager Consents and Regulatory Compliance, The Crown Estate;

Richard Ballantyne, Senior Policy Adviser, British Ports Association;

Professor Phil Thomas, Chairman, Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation;

Lucy Greenhill, Research Fellow, Marine Planning and Renewable Energy, Scottish Association for Marine Science;

Alan Broadbent, Director of Engineering, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution;

Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;

David Leven, Head of Energy Infrastructure, Scottish Enterprise;

Calum Duncan, Scotland Programme Manager and Convenor of Scottish Environment LINK's marine taskforce, Marine Conservation Society and Scottish Environment LINK.

2. **Public Bodies Consent:** The Committee considered a Scottish Government memorandum relating to the Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2014 [draft].

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the draft motion as set out in the Public Body Consent Memorandum be approved.

The meeting closed at 12.24 pm.

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