



RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Wednesday 25 February 2015

Present:

Sarah Boyack
Alex Fergusson
Jim Hume
Michael Russell

Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Rob Gibson (Convener)
Angus MacDonald
Dave Thompson

Also present: Jamie McGrigor.

Apologies were received from Claudia Beamish.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on stage 2 amendments relating to the crofting community right-to-buy, and draft regulations on abandoned or neglected land, from—

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Stephen Pathirana, Deputy Director, Land and Tenancy Reform, and Dave Thomson, Land Reform and Tenancy Unit, Scottish Government.

2. **The Scottish Government's Wild Fisheries Review:** The Committee took evidence from—

Crispian Cook, Clerk, Northern District Salmon Fisheries Board;

Jamie Ribbens, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Galloway Fisheries Trust;

Craig MacIntyre, Trust Manager, Argyll Fisheries Trust;

Dr. Andy Walker, Vice Chair, Migratory Fish Committee, Scottish Anglers National Association;

James Mackay, Chairman, The Salmon Net Fishing Association of Scotland;

Nick Yonge, Clerk, The River Tweed Commission;

Hughie Campbell-Adamson, Chairman, Salmon and Trout Association - Scotland;

Ron Woods, Policy Officer, Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

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