



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

28th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 5 December 2012

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Nigel Don
Rob Gibson (Convener)
Richard Lyle
Margaret McDougall

Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Alex Fergusson
Jim Hume
Angus MacDonald

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/307).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to this instrument.

2. **Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence in round table format on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Allan Wells, Policy and Planning Director, Association of Salmon Fishery Boards;

Ken Whelan, Research Director, Atlantic Salmon Trust;

Alex Kinninmonth, Living Seas Policy Officer, Scottish Wildlife Trust;

Alex Adrian, Aquaculture Operations Manager, Crown Estate;

Professor Randolph Richards, University of Stirling;

Professor Chris Todd, University of St Andrews;

Douglas Sinclair, Aquaculture Specialist, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency;

Steve Bracken, Business Support Manager, Marine Harvest;

Guy Linley-Adams, Environmental solicitor, Salmon and Trout Association;

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

Councillor George Farlow, Vice Chair of the Planning, Environment and Development Committee, Highland Council.

3. **Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

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