

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 12 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 10.04 am.

 Subordinate legislation: The Committee took evidence on the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] SSI/2012/draft from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, and George Burgess, Deputy Director of Environmental Quality Division, Scottish Government;

Wendy Thornton, PPC Specialist, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse moved—S4M-05105—

That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Colin Bean, Science and Policy Adviser, Scottish Natural Heritage;

Callum Sinclair, Director, Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland;

Dr John Armstrong, Freshwater Fisheries Team and Programme Leader, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government;

Simon McKelvey, Director, Cromarty Firth Fisheries Trust and Cromarty Firth District Salmon Fisheries Board;

George Pullar, Vice Chairman, Salmon Net Fishing Association of Scotland;

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

Craig Campbell, Chairman, Migratory Fish Committee, Scottish Anglers National Association.

- 4. **European Union Reporter:** The Committee received an update from its European Union Reporter.
- 5. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.07 pm.

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