



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 20 June 2012

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Nigel Don (Committee Substitute)
Annabelle Ewing (Deputy Convener)	Alex Fergusson
Rob Gibson (Convener)	Jim Hume
Richard Lyle	Margaret McDougall

Apologies were received from Graeme Dey, Dennis Robertson.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

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

the Snares (Training) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2012 SSI/2012/161;

the European Fisheries Fund (Grants) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 SSI/2012/166.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to these instruments but agreed to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised during discussion of the Snares (Training) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2012 SSI/2012/161.

2. **Petition PE1386:** The Committee took evidence in round table format on a Petition by Richard Munday on behalf of the Torridon Nephrops Management Group calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review and pilot the establishment of further spatially separated static gear only inshore fisheries to improve fisheries management from—

Richard Munday, Member, and Kenny Livingstone, Member, Torridon Nephrops Management Group;

Mike Palmer, Chair, Fisheries Management and Conservation Group;

Professor Jim Atkinson, University Marine Biological Station Millport;

Claire Pescod, Fisheries Manager, Marine Stewardship Council;

Colin Milne, Chair, North West Inshore Fisheries Group;

Alasdair Macleod, Secretary, Inshore Fishermen's Association Torridon and Applecross.

3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee agreed the appointment of a budget adviser.

The meeting closed at 11.52 am.

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