MINUTES of ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of THE RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held at Broad House, Broad Street, Peterhead on Thursday, 8th June, 2017 at 2.30pm

Present:

Joseph Yule (Convenor)

Alexander Buchan for Lunar Fishing Company Limited

David Low Mandatory for Mrs Booth, Ednie Alexander Buchan for Score Group plc

William Stephen for Ugie Angling Association

In Attendance:

D. McLean for Bruce Milton, Clerk to the Board

Apologies:

None

MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of the last public meeting which were proposed as true by W Stephen and seconded by D Low.

CONVENOR'S REPORT

The Convenor reported on matters concerning changes in legislation, conservation, and data monitoring and a copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

ACCOUNTS

Audited accounts for the year to 31st May 2016 were available which all present had discussed at the previous board meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The Convenor explained the main activities for the year ahead were working towards moving the R Ugie from category 3 to category 2 in terms of conservation of stock.

No questions were raised and there being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

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River Ugie District Salmon Fishery Board Activities of the Board to 31st May 2017

The Board has been kept busy, keeping up with the fast changing legislation and conservation measures brought in by Marine Scotland Science and the Scotlish Government.

Many of the proposals and reforms highlighted and recommended by Andrew Thin have been abandoned and have come to naught. We were in talks with the Dee/Don/Ythan regarding a merger into one new FMO, but these are now abandoned.

The Ugie Board is in constant dialogue with Marine Scotland Science regarding the Category 3 we have been placed in, Science/Data collection, use of our Fish Counter and the continued ban of netting in the sea.

The Logie Fish counter is repaired and improved and giving us reliable data to inform future management decisions.

As a board we continue to accomplish all that is required of us by law and to do all we can to improve the life and habitat of the salmon and trout in the River Ugie District.

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