

MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING of QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS OF THE RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held at Broad House, Broad Street, Peterhead on Thursday, 10th November, 2016 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: **J. Yule (Convenor)**
 D. Low Mandatory for I. J. Booth
 A. Buchan for Lunar Fishing Company Limited
 A. Buchan for Score Group plc

In Attendance: **D. McLean for Bruce Milton, Clerk to the Board**

Apologies: **None**

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read as proposed by D Low and seconded by J Yule and were carried unanimously.

CONVENER'S REPORT

The Convener noted no members of the public had attended and proceeded to read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

BAILIFF'S REPORT

The Convenor read out the report prepared by Bob Davidson and a copy is attached to these minutes.

ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2016 were received and adopted on the proposal of A Buchan (Score) and seconded by D Low.

ELECTION of BOARD

The following members of the Board were duly elected:-

<u>Upper Proprietors</u>	<u>Mandatory</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Score Group plc	Alexander Buchan	D. Low	J. Yule
Booth, Ednie	David Low	J. Yule	A. Buchan (Score)
Lunar Fishing Co Ltd	Alexander Buchan	J. Yule	D. Low

<u>Lower Proprietors</u>	<u>Mandatory</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Lunar Fishing Co Ltd	J. Yule	A. Buchan (Score)	D. Low

<u>Co-Opted</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Ugie Angling Association	W. Stephen	J. Yule	D. Low

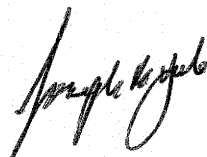
<u>Convenor</u>		<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Joseph Yule		A. Buchan (Score)	D. Low

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D Low asked for an update on the proposed new Fishery Management Organizations. The Convenor reported that an initial meeting had been held with representatives from the Dee, Don, and Ythan Boards and that he had recently asked the Chairman of the Dee Board what progression had been made but was still to receive a reply. A Buchan (Lunar) felt that the driving force for change initiated from the European Union and that as a result of Brexit there could be a considerable delay before any material change occurs.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

 14/11/16.

Joseph Yule
Convenor

Ugie District Salmon Fishery Board

Convener's Report 2016

On the 8th of January 2016 the River Ugie experienced the highest recorded level in the river since records began. It was recorded by SEPA to be 2.678m high. This was the result of heavy rainfall over several days and coupled with the high tide at 11.30, the river burst its banks in many places leading to widespread flooding.

One of the tangible results of this natural event was that much damage was done to the Fish counter that was fitted on the weir above the Chain Bridge. The Counter required extensive repairs over many months and consequently we lost several months of figures during the early part of the fishing season. The repairs are now complete and we are again collecting this very important Data.

2016 saw the Scottish Government bring in a three year ban on the catching of salmon in the sea and for most rivers in Scotland a compulsory catch and release of all salmon. Sea trout were not included in the ban but the Scottish Government are said to be looking at including them if the science Data shows the stocks to be at low levels.


The only figures that Marine Scotland Science has to work with are the rod catch returns and this underlines the need of the anglers to put back their returns accurately, whether they have caught anything or no. Our River will remain in category 3 if we cannot demonstrate by the rod catch figures, supported by the counter figures that there is more stocks in the river than the Scientists have calculated.

The conservation measures are still being formulated and rolled out for 2017, it is looking increasingly likely that a North East FMO will be formed with the amalgamation of the Boards on the Rivers Dee/Don/Ythan and Ugie. We have met with the Conveners of these boards and they were all hopeful that joining together would meet the expectations of the Wild Fisheries Review. This will be progressed further next year.

Last year we were introducing a new bailiff to the river and we were hopeful that John Chalmers would be the right person to replace Bob Davidson. However, in the middle of the Season in July, John submitted his resignation saying he felt his position was no longer tenable and after much discussion the board accepted his resignation. Bob Davidson will continue as a part time bailiff for the time being.

I wish to thank the board members and our Clerk Donnie McLean for their input in the efficient running of the board and for their attendance at the meetings, allowing us to continue to look after the welfare of the Salmon and Sea Trout stocks in the River Ugie.

Joseph Yule (Convener)

 9/11/16

REPORT ON UGIE FISHING 2016

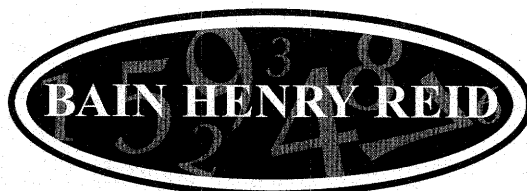
The season of 2016 has been a very poor season overall . there were few fish taken early on but the fish quickly moved up the river into the single waters . The later part of the season has been very poor with very few fish coming into the river. poaching with nets on the river does not appear to be as big as a problem as it used to be ! possibly owing to the lack of fish however there are still anglers trying to fish without a permit and we have a case due to come up in court . the person in question is charged with 3 offences. Pollution is something which always needs to be kept a close eye on and throughout the course of the year and I have had to contact sepa with regarding to various instances of pollution up and down the river which have been satisfactory dealt with .

R.W. Davidson

RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

31ST MAY 2016



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Rates		15,482		15,482
Donations		-		-
Building society interest		2		2
		<u>15,484</u>		<u>15,484</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Bailiffs retainer	11,000		9,500	
Telephone	-		500	
Advertising	-		-	
Insurance	358		358	
Accountancy fees	360		360	
Clerks fee	2,640		2,640	
Bank interest	-		-	
Bank charges	60		61	
Hire fish counter	1,200		1,200	
Miscellaneous expenses	509		580	
Depreciation	-		-	
		<u>16,127</u>		<u>15,199</u>
Net surplus (deficit) for year		<u><u>(643)</u></u>		<u><u>285</u></u>

RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31ST MAY 2016

	2016	2015
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Communications equipment, at cost	1,826	1,826
Less aggregate depreciation	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,826</u>
	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	5,814	6,445
DEBTORS		
Sundry debtors	-	12
	<u>5,814</u>	<u>6,457</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year:		
Sundry creditors	<u>3,012</u>	<u>3,012</u>
	<u>2,802</u>	<u>3,445</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>2,802</u></u>	<u><u>3,445</u></u>
Represented by:		
REVENUE RESERVES		
At 31st May 2015	3,445	3,160
Net surplus (deficit) for year	<u>(643)</u>	<u>285</u>
	<u><u>2,802</u></u>	<u><u>3,445</u></u>

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have made an examination of the books and accounts of the River Ugie District Salmon Fishery Board and have prepared therefrom the foregoing financial statements which are in accordance with the books and accounts and the explanations given to us.

PETERHEAD
September 2016

BAIN HENRY REID
Chartered Accountants