

## **Wester Ross Area Salmon Fishery Board**

### **2024 Triennial Elections**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

#### **Minutes**

**Present: Stephen Bate, Rosie Nicoll, Kevin Ginty (Clerk)**

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

KG welcomed the participants and gave apologies from Pippa Cliff and Stuart Allison

#### **2. Election of Lower Proprietors**

KG reported that Mr. Gordon Crawford and Mrs. Rosie Nicoll were elected to the Board as representatives of the Lower Proprietors.

#### **3. Election of Upper Proprietors**

KG reported that Mr. Stephen Bate, Ms. Pippa Cliff, Mr. Gordon Crawford, Mrs. Rosie Nicoll and Mr. Donald Rice were elected to the Board as representatives of the Upper Proprietors.

#### **4. Election of Convener for the new Board**

Mr. Stephen Bate was elected as Convener for the new Board.

#### **5. Election of Treasurer for the new Board**

Mrs. Rosie Nicoll was elected as Treasurer for the new Board.

#### **6. Co-option of Angling Representative**

It was agreed to defer co-opting the Angling Representative pending approaches to a number of individuals locally who may be interested.

#### **7. AOCB**

KG reported that Mr. Mark Williams had enquired about stocking. SB asked KG to check with Peter Cunningham regarding the current situation, and approval from Marine Scotland. RN said that the costs were high when other factors such as access were taken into account. KG to contact FMS and find out how to go about applying for permission, and any other requirements regarding the way forward.

SB said that Michael Aitchison of WRFT had requested funding at the last meeting to support initiatives that were currently part funded from elsewhere. KG to ask MA for more information regarding timelines, projects under consideration and options regarding the level of part-funding requested. SB said this will be added to the agenda for the April meeting. KG to ask PC for information regarding projects in the Gruinard and Torridon rivers, and evaluation processes. It is understood that £6k funding had been obtained and that WRFT were seeking more funding from the Board.

KG to follow up smolt migration window data from PC and Jim Raffell to send to Stephen Macintyre (MOWI). Post-meeting Note: Migration data for Torridon also to Michal Hill of Bakkafrost.