RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Wednesday 4 March 2015

Present:

Christian Allard (Committee Substitute)  Claudia Beamish
Sarah Boyack  Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Alex Fergusson  Rob Gibson (Convener)
Jim Hume  Angus MacDonald
Michael Russell

Apologies were received from Dave Thompson.

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

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

   Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/28);
   Loch Ewe, Isle of Ewe, Wester Ross, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/30);
   Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/58).

   The Committee agreed to make no further recommendations in relation to SSI 2015/28 and SSI 2015/30.

   The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government on Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/58) and to reconsider the instrument on the 18 March.

2. **The Scottish Government’s Wild Fisheries Review:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Willie Cowan, Head of Performance and Aquaculture, and Carole
3. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 48 and 44.

The following amendments were not moved: 50, 49, 51, 52 and 53.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day amendment 11 having been disposed of.

The meeting closed at 12.13 pm.

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