

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

Printing changes after the Bill as passed (SP Bill 59B) Session 6, 2026

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This document outlines the printing changes that have been made following publication of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill as Passed and prior to Royal Assent and publication of the Act.

Section/schedule, page and line number references are to the Bill as passed (SP Bill 59B) Session 6, 2026

Section/Schedule	Page	Line	Printing change made and explanation
1	4	32	Reference to “subsection 2E(1)” changed to “section 2E(1)” to correct error
1A	6	18	Comma added after “2A” for consistency
1A	6	27	Hyphen added to “office holder” for consistency
5A	8	15	Comma added after “aims)” for consistency
5A	8	28	Added “the” between “with” and “day” to correct typographical error present in Stage 2 amendment
5A	8	28	Cross-reference changed to section 3 to reflect numbering changes
5B	8	30	“Proposals” in crossheading changed to lower case to correct typographical error
6	10	7	New crossheading added “Definitions for the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000” to reflect structure of sections
6	10	7	Updated section title from “Definition of biodiversity” to “Definitions for the National

			Parks (Scotland) Act 2000” to better reflect content of section
8	11	3	Parenthetical description of section moved to after “2003” for consistency
9	14	10	Paragraphs incorrectly labelled (i) and (ii) updated to (a) and (b) to correct error
12	15	30	Line 30 removed as it was required for placement of amendment but no longer required
14	17	24	Changed “are” to “is” for consistency
16	23	10	Changed “are” to “is” for consistency
19	25	14	Changed amended” to “modified” for consistency
20	25	35	Spelling of “carcass” changed to “carcase” for consistency with the 1996 Act
20A	27	2	Remove “and” from end of sub-paragraph (i) and add to end of sub-paragraph (iii). Improves readability and doesn’t change legal effect
20B	27	24	Remove Oxford comma before “and” for consistency in style
22	30	9	Full stops removed after “information” and “scale” for consistency with the 1996 Act
25	31	16	Comma added after “foodstuffs” for consistency
32	36	32	Spelling of “carcass” changed to “carcase” for consistency with the 1996 Act
33A	38	3	New crossheading “Review of modification” added to reflect structure of sections
Part 4A	38	30	Part 5 heading “Miscellaneous and general” moved to before Part 4A heading consolidate numerous single section parts
33B	38	30	Part 4A heading changed to crossheading. Removal of “integral” in crossheading title to reflect Stage 3 amendment

33B	38	31	Section heading updated from “Swift nest boxes” to “Building regulations: swift nest box” to better reflect content of section
Part 4B	39	1	Part heading changed to crossheading. That crossheading updated from “Marine planning” to “Marine protection” to better reflect content of section.
33CA	40	19	Comma added between (2) and brackets for consistency with 2003 Act
33CB	42	14	Inserted paragraph (ab) updated to (aa) to reflect structure of 2013 Act
Part 4C	42	15	Part heading changed to crossheading
Part 4D	43	1	Part heading changed to crossheading
33E	43	3	Updated section title from “Guidance about scallops” to “Guidance about scallop shells” to better reflect content of section
33E	43	25-26	Latin names changed to italic for consistency
Part 5	43	27	Part heading “Miscellaneous and general” moved to before section 33B as noted above. Crossheading changed from “Miscellaneous” to “Wildlife licensing” to better reflect content of the following sections.
33EA	43	31	Parenthetical description of section updated to lower case and full stop removed to correct typographical error
33EA	43	36	Semi-colon changed to comma to reflect standard drafting style
33G	44	35	New “Wildfires” crossheading added to reflect structure of sections
34	47	27	New “Meaning of public authority in the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004” crossheading added to reflect structure of sections
34	47	32	The word “of” added between “purposes” and “this” to correct typographical error
34ZA	48	7	New “Ramsar sites” crossheading added to reflect structure of sections

34ZB	49	16	New "Forestry" crossheading added to reflect structure of sections
34ZC	51	4	Comma added after "(1)" for consistency
34A	51	11	New "Improvement plans under the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021" crossheading added to reflect structure of sections
34B	51	21	New "Muirburn" crossheading added to reflect structure of sections
34B	51	22	The word "amended" changed to "modified" for consistency
34C	51	32	The word "amended" changed to "modified" for consistency