

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on FISHING
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
07 February 2017
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
28 February 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
28 February 2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
30 January 2018
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
30 January 2018 Attendance: 5 MSPs, 13 Non-MSPs AGM Introduction and election of office bearers – Stewart Stevenson MSP and Tavish Scott MSP were elected co-convenors and the SFF was elected as the secretariat.

The group discussed the purpose of the CPG and decided the current purpose is suitable. The meeting then had a presentation on Brexit transition period in relation to fishing by Bertie Armstrong of the SFF. This was followed by a presentation on developments in Fisheries Science and industry self-sampling. Then a final presentation was given by Mike Heath on how current Fisheries Science operates and the science behind stock assessment.
Open discussion about the presentations.

28 February 2019

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 3 Non-MSPs

AGM

There was a short introduction by Stewart Stevenson MSP explaining why the AGM was procedural. This was due to the SFF having trouble setting a date due to Brexit and related issues. The election for office bearers were opened to MSPs and Stewart Stevenson MSP and Tavish Scott MSP were elected as co-convenors as no one else stood for the positions and they were happy to continue. Tavish Scott MSP was unable to attend in person but made declared his intent in writing. There was a short discussion of arranging future meetings and then the meeting ended.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

1. Stewart Stevenson MSP – SNP
2. Tavish Scott MSP – Liberal Democrat
3. Rhoda Grant MSP - Labour
4. Peter Chapman MSP – Conservative
6. Findley Carson MSP – Conservative
7. Gail Ross MSP – SNP
8. Jamie Halcro Johnson MSP – Conservative
9. Joan McAlpine MSP – SNP
10. Liam McArthur MSP – Liberal Democrat
11. Lewis Macdonald – Labour

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Professor Michael Heath, Strathclyde University

Organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scottish Fishermen's Federation 2. Scottish Seafood Association 3. Scottish Scallop Divers Association 4. Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation 5. Scottish Fisherman's Organisation 6. Open Seas 7. West of Scotland Fish Producers Organisation 8. Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust 9. World Wildlife Fund Scotland 10. Keltic Seafare (Scotland) Ltd 11. Community of Arran Seabed Trust 12. DR Collins (Fish) Ltd 13. Clyde Fishermen's Association 14. Marine Conservation Scotland 15. Scottish Environment LINK
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Stewart Stevenson MSP, Tavish Scott MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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