ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 6 February 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Finlay Carson
Kate Forbes
Alex Rowley
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

Donald Cameron
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Richard Lyle
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Edward Mountain

Apologies were received from Angus MacDonald.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.

2. Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming: The Committee took evidence from—

   John Aitchison, Member, Friends of the Sound of Jura;

   Sam Collin, Convener for the LINK Aquaculture subgroup, and Marine Planning Officer at the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Scottish Environment LINK;

   David Sandison, General Manager, Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation;

   and then from—

   Anne Anderson, Chief Officer, Compliance & Beyond Portfolio, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA);

   Mark Harvey, Planning Team Leader, Highland Council;
James McKie, Head, Licensing Operations Team, and Rob Raynard, Aquaculture and Fish Health Programme Manager, Marine Scotland.

Donald Cameron declared an interest in fish farming and fishing.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

Edward Mountain declared an interest in wild fisheries.

3. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1, and agreed:

   - to issue and promote a call for views, with a deadline of 23 March 2018;
   - to the content of the call for views;
   - its timetable for Stage 1 consideration;
   - an initial list of witnesses to give oral evidence;
   - to consider further engagement at a later meeting;
   - to consider any evidence heard on the Bill, as well as any draft Stage 1 reports, in private.

4. **Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

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