ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Present:

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

Donald Cameron
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Richard Lyle
Joan McAlpine (Committee Substitute)
Mark Ruskell

Also present: Jackie Baillie and Liz Smith

Apologies were received from Stewart Stevenson.

The meeting opened at 9.40 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.

   Joan McAlpine indicated that she had no relevant interests.

2. **Environmental implications for Scotland of the UK leaving the EU:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe, Kate Thomson-McDermott, Head of Environment and Agriculture Strategy & Post-EU Referendum Unit, Euan Page, Constitution and UK Relations Policy Officer, Julie Steel, Project Officer, Energy and Climate Change Strategy Unit, and Ian Jardine, National Adviser on Environmental Policy, Scottish Government.

   John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/37) from—

   Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Scottish Government;

   Dr John Armstrong, Director of Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory, Marine Scotland Science;

   Simon Dryden, Policy Team Leader, Salmon and Recreational Fisheries, Marine Scotland.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Liz Smith moved—

   S5M-11020—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/37) be annulled.

   After debate, the motion was disagreed to (by division: For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

5. **Environmental implications for Scotland of the UK leaving the EU (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to send the Official Report of the meeting to the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

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