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**RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2015, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*Rob Gibson (Caithness, Sutherland and Ross) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Graeme Dey (Angus South) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Claudia Beamish (South Scotland) (Lab)

Sarah Boyack (Lothian) (Lab)

\*Alex Fergusson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con)

\*Jim Hume (South Scotland) (LD)

\*Angus MacDonald (Falkirk East) (SNP)

\*Michael Russell (Argyll and Bute) (SNP)

Dave Thompson (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Lynn Tullis

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)



## Scottish Parliament

### Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

*Wednesday 22 April 2015*

*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]*

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Rob Gibson):** Welcome to the 14th meeting in 2015 of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee. I remind everyone present to switch off their mobile phones, if need be. Members may consult their tablets for the business of the meeting. We have received apologies from Dave Thompson MSP and Sarah Boyack MSP.

Agenda item 1 is a decision on whether to take item 3, which is consideration of a draft letter on the review of the agricultural holdings legislation final report, in private at this meeting and at future meetings. The committee is also invited to decide whether to consider a draft letter on the implementation of the Scottish Government's biodiversity strategy in private at future meetings.

Do members have any comments on our taking those items in private now and at future meetings?

**Members:** No.

**The Convener:** Are we agreed that we will take those items in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Subordinate Legislation

### Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/113)

10:01

**The Convener:** Agenda item 2 is subordinate legislation. The committee is invited to consider the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2015, which is a negative instrument. I refer members to the clerk's paper. Does any member have any comment on the instrument?

**Members:** No.

**The Convener:** Is the committee agreed that we do not wish to make any recommendations in relation to the instrument?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** At the next meeting of the committee, on 29 April, we will consider the draft Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015 and take evidence from stakeholders on mandatory climate reporting. We will also consider correspondence to the Scottish Government on the review of agricultural holdings legislation final report and the Scottish Government's biodiversity strategy.

As agreed, we now move into private session.

10:02

*Meeting continued in private until 11:09.*



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