

## East Loch Shiel DMG Spring Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Conaglen Gunroom, Conaglen Estate.

Voting Members 10:45

Non-voting members, Stakeholders, Neighbours, Public 11:00.

**Special Meeting.** Advise all the meeting is being voice recorded.

1. **Vote on adoption of proposed updated ELSDMG Constitution.** Issue final constitution & vote.
2. **Formally appoint Vice Chair.** David Mosgrove.
3. **The proposal that future Autumn/Winter Ordinary meetings be held in a public place.** Update our stakeholder mailing list.

**Ordinary Meeting AGENDA: -**

1. **Chairman's welcome, any apologies.** I Collier. R Dunsmore, C Colbourne. M Gillespie, Lynda Campbell V Clements.
2. **Introduce our new SNH WMO and attendees.**
3. **Chairman's opening remarks.** I have been trying to get more properties to engage with the DMG and have been asked; 'What are the benefits of membership?' Could SNH give me a quick summary please? I can report contact with C Colbourne with a suggested meeting to include DMG matters.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting – and matters arising.** Issue final minutes APPROVE. Run through Action points.
5. **Training and Certification Log will be passed around for all to update, please. Group priority from 'Benchmark' & 'Public Interest'. (BI 9.2)**

The officers of the Group have considered that our key priorities which need to be addressed at this meeting are as follows.

6. **DMP Background Information update. DMP Working Plan Edition 1, Updated April 2019.** The Edition 1 Working Plan has been updated since the last meeting and to take account of the Draft Assessment Notes. Any brief comments please? (BM 5.1)
7. **Group, West – East Working Groups reports.** Comments invited. You will all have had copies of the Spring reports Parts 1, 2 & 3. We are not working through these line by line but have you got any comments corrections or additions?
8. **Estate reports. Round robin.**
  - a. 2018/19 hind season cull. Are all figures in? (BM 10.3)
  - b. Condition reports. (PI 14.2 – 14.3 – 14.4.)
  - c. Poaching. (PI 11 & 12 BM 12 - 13 – 14)
  - d. HIA. Who has done, and what? Who will, and what this year? (BM 11.1, PI 5.2)
  - e. Shelter and forage availability. Are there any changes to availability? (PI 12 – 14)
9. **Deer counts.**
  - a. Helicopter count report. SNH. (BM 9.1)
  - b. FES population assessment report. (BM 9.4)
  - c. Recruitment and Mortality count to be delegated. (BM 9.3) Invite SNH guidance on how to carry out mortality counts and turn any data into a useful statistic.
10. **Population Modelling.** Will be carried out post all count and cull data receipt, and in good time for the main stag stalking season. (BM 5.3)
11. **Proposed stag cull, subject to adjustment post population model updates. Providing for adaptive management. Round robin**

12. **Collaborative Woodland Application addressing Conaglen Designated sites, Ardgour, Conaglen, Druim Laith and Glenscaddle woodland proposals.** DM brief summary. (PI2.1, 2.2, 2.3) SNH to comment.
13. **Other Designated sites.** Western WG?
14. **Training and Certification.** Has anyone achieved new skills etc. during last year? Has anyone any training needs the group may help with? Can the group encourage or provide help to those without DSC2 and or SQWV to attain these? (PI 11 – BM 12 – 13 – 14)
15. **Sporting Rates Appeals.** (PI 12.3, 12.4) Discussion
16. **SNH - Deer Management Group Assessment 2019.** Our SNH DMG 2019 Assessment is next Wednesday. DM V Clements and I are attending. We want to know from SNH what they consider as still outstanding to ensure a successful outcome for our group at the Spring review!

**Update from ADMG:**

**Update from FES:**

**Update from SNH including;** SNH WMO to provide clarity as to why our stated Habitat Impact Targets are not satisfactory. (PI 5.2) Agree group impact targets. Further invitation to promote the ecological and local benefits of Peatland Restoration. (PI 5.6) Comment is also invited on the JNCC article on this link regarding re-wetting of peatlands. <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5905>

**Update from Neighbours.**

**Stakeholders and public comments.**

**AOB.**

Suggested date for the next AGM and Ordinary Meetings - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019