

East Loch Sheil Meeting 02 November

Pre meeting with GT

Present-

Steve Fox

David Mosgrove

Ewen Maclean

Graeme Taylor

Ross Maclean

GT feedback on new DMP.

Looks like it's negative but plan is a big improvement for a self penned plan as good as he's seen

General drift

Scope and range

Outstanding issues- designated sites unfavourable recovering due to Management- need a detailed agreement between property and SNH

GT Plans need more work -agricultural damage unresolved

GT Worried about the increase in workload for us

Western side non contributing members and fc issues need SNH support.

Unsure how we can get FC to fund fence without over arching agreements.

Options: section 7

Could sign up to an agreement with SNH would be benefits to starting the section 7 agreement.

SF section 7 should be on western end of group

GT nothing yet securing a program of management, explain the process of a section 7 and explained what needed development of plan

John Mackay grazing clerk coming to next meeting

SF this is a sell for the section 7? GT yes

DM surely there is a middle ground between offering the assistance and delivering a section 7

GT we don't want long term involvement but we need a formal agreement to secure our security

SF you are in effect punishing those of us who attend the meetings and ensuring those of us who don't are let off.

GT you are indemnifying yourself for the future

GT is Harvey fundamental to the group?

DM biggest problem is fc Scotland in the western end as the majority landowners

GT there will still be a requirement for western end to be involved but eastern end is not perfect

GT in terms of what you do on the ground the Management that we ask you to deliver will be in the same region as what you are already delivering

It's about individual negotiations will FC play the game and sort the fences

SF FC need to sort the fences it would save them a lot of hassle

GT section 7 has allowed staff to prioritise in other areas

DM can we look at SNH Management options that are not sections 7

DM Does that mean full funding for HIA etc.

GT you could look at SRDP grants

DM what we are currently looking at is habitat monitoring, look how much progress we have made

GT the issue is the timescale being delivered, unfortunately your progress is not as far as it could have been.

DM official review on 2019

GT ministers have told us we need to use our powers.

In 2019 the ministers will ask us whether we have used our powers and we will need to show that the powers have been used.

EM so this is about hitting targets for SNH?

DM pine woodland managers still think it's a bad idea to plant pine in certain areas we have a problem with being able to approve planting

We need a figure for the amount of fencing required for these designated sites

GT we need to cover the whole area with a Management plan

DM do you agree that trees don't grow over 50% canopy cover

SF how many groups are going for voluntary section 7 .

GT 7 or 8 groups in section 7

Ardnamurchan near us