

## East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn Meeting 12 November 2019

Ardgour Memorial Hall.

10:00 A.M.

### Meeting AGENDA: -

1. **Chairman's welcome, any apologies.**
2. **Introduce our new SNH WMO and attendees.**
3. **Chairman's opening remarks.**
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting – and matters arising.** The officers of the Group have considered that our key priorities which need to be addressed at this meeting are as follows.
5. **West – East Working Groups reports.**
6. **Action Points Summary.**
7. **Plan and timetable to address outstanding issues from the SNH Assessment.**
8. **Estate reports.**
  - a. 2019 stag season cull.
  - b. Condition reports.
  - c. Poaching and DVC's.
  - d. Heather Beetle Impacts.
9. **HIA, shelter and forage availability. Deer counts.**
  - a. Helicopter count report.
  - b. FLS population assessment report.
  - c. Recruitment and Mortality counts achieved.
10. **FLS Fencing update.** [See below.](#)
11. **Population Model.** Updated model summary.
12. **Proposed 2019/20 hind cull.**
13. **Collaborative Woodland Application addressing Conaglen Designated sites, Ardgour, Carnoch, Conaglen and Glenscaddle woodland proposals.**
14. **Strategic fence proposal.**
15. **Other Designated sites.**

### Update from ADMG:

### Update from FLS:

**Update from SNH including;** Invitation to promote the ecological and local benefits of Peatland Restoration. - SNH Helicopter counting policy. - Confirmation that the threat of Section 7 has now been withdrawn.

### Update from Neighbours.

### Stakeholders and public comments.

### AOB.

### Proposed date for next DMG Spring meeting April/May 2020.

[Email extract from Ken Knott FLS Re fencing 07/11/2019.](#)

As a direct Scot Gov agency we have been asked to look at reducing fencing costs particularly the use of deer fencing where other alternatives may exist, this could mean anything from extended fallow periods, species choice to the obvious culling regimes. There will be lots of internal discussion on this particularly the business case for each and every fence that is proposed from scratch or as a repair.

This may have an impact on the consideration of fences within the Group area and I will be writing to David on a similar theme to follow up on where David and I had got to regarding a meeting to discuss. Significant senior staff changes has delayed this , and current review along with Regional manager puts us in a position of re assessing our position on a number of projects – Conaglen and fencing , with ancillary issues being one of them.