

**East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2020 Meeting**  
**Agenda Items and Progress to April 2021**  
**In lieu of a formal meeting**

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With the East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2020 meeting cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the Group agreed to keep DMG business progressing where practical via email communications.

To keep you all informed: - Below, listed in the left-hand column are the Agenda items planned for that meeting. The middle column shows the discussion point or the information that would have been requested. The right-hand column outlines the responses, progress, or actions achieved/ ongoing/ outstanding to the 01<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

**East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2020 Meeting: -**

| <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>  | <b>DISCUSSION POINTS – INFORMATION</b>  | <b>RESPONSES - PROGRESS - ACTIONS</b>   |
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| <b>1.</b> The Chairman's role.   | The Chairman, has been in post for 6 years and nominations for a new chairperson are invited from the membership for Spring 2021. |   |
| <b>2.</b> Agenda and Progress from Spring 2020. Agree and adopt in lieu of a formal meeting. | Receive comments/approval.  | The Spring 2020 Meeting Agenda and Progress to September 2020 was published on the ADMG website. With no comment's received - the document is approved in lieu of a formal meeting.   |
| <b>3.</b> DMP's.   | Report on updates. The Action Plan was updated to July 2020. DMP Background Information update - awaiting WWG input.              | Current DMP's & etc. are maintained on the ADMG website   |
| <b>4.</b> Action Points Summary. Including delivery of Actions.                              | Report/discuss progress on key actions on Action Points Summary issued July 2020.   | Fully detailed woodland development applications are now with the agencies for final approval and support.<br>Chairman sent emails requesting that the ELSDMG be able to input to preparation of Glenhurich Land Management Plan renewal and advising of the DMG open range members concerns re fences etc. Response received: - <i>The LMP will be placed in the consultation section of the FLS website for</i> |

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|   |  | <i>about a month before being submitted to Scottish Forestry for approval.</i>   |
| <b>5. Estate Reports.</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cull figures.</li> <li>b. Condition reports.</li> <li>c. Changes in management objectives.</li> <li>d. Deer welfare.</li> <li>e. Shelter and forage availability.</li> <li>f. Poaching and DVC's.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Final 2020/21 figures requested.</li> <li>b. Requested.</li> <li>c. No changes reported.</li> <li>d. No issues reported.</li> <li>e. No changes of note.</li> <li>f. None reported.</li> </ul>                     |
| <b>6. Deer counts/ population assessment.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Late Spring 2021 Recruitment counts and mortality assessments.</li> <li>b. Group range count.</li> <li>c. FLS deer density assessment.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Info requested from Ardgour/Glen Scaddle, Carnoch, Conaglen, Sunart.</li> <li>b. Due no later than 2024.</li> <li>c. FLS advise their density assessment is done, just awaiting the results to pass on.</li> </ul> |
| <b>7. HIA.</b>                                | 2020 HIA was postponed.  | HIA log is updated to July 2020 and posted online.   |
| <b>8. Population model and Targets.</b>       | Cull figures, mortality and recruitment assessment information is requested.   | The 2021/22 Population Model and Targets will be prepared summer 2021.   |
| <b>9. Peatland restoration.</b>               | Discussion. Opportunity – information/ objectives – funding – contracts/ agreements – contacts.  | Peatland restoration was not permitted under Covid lockdown guidance. The funding round for 2020/21 opened briefly in September 2020.  |
| <b>10. Lead free ammunition</b>               | A ban on lead is likely in the next 5 years. Pressure from the supply chain to make the change sooner to help with public perception of the venison product is being driven by the supermarkets.   | National Game Dealers' Association has announced that its members will no longer be accepting lead-shot game from July 2022. It makes sense as your lead ammunition is used up to replace with non-lead alternatives.  |
| <b>11. Update from ADMG.</b>                  | ADMG continues to keep us well updated via their E-Scope newsletter.   | You are all encouraged to keep up to date via the E-Scope newsletter. If you have not already, you can subscribe via the following link.<br><a href="http://deer-management.co.uk">Publications   ADMG (deer-management.co.uk)</a>                           |
| <b>12. Update from FLS.</b>                   |  | FLS were invited to give an update for inclusion in the Spring 2021 Group Report.  |
| <b>13. Update from SNH.</b>                   |  | SNH were invited to give an update for inclusion in the Spring 2021 Group Report.  |

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|   |                        | A Nature Scot update from Sinclair Coghill is included in the Spring 2021 Group Report |
| <b>14.</b> Stakeholders/neighbours/public comments. |                        | No Stakeholders/neighbours/public comments received.                                   |
| <b>15.</b> AOB                                      | AOB items are invited. |  |

For your convenience up to date East Loch Shiel information including the above referred to documents can be viewed or downloaded on ADMG website via this link - <http://www.deer-management.co.uk/>