

East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2021 Meeting
‘Agenda Items and Progress to October 2021’
In lieu of formal meetings

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With the East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2021 meeting postponed due to ongoing concerns with the high current Covid infection levels the Group continue to keep DMG business progressing where practical via email communications as agreed.

To keep you all informed: - Below, listed in the left-hand column are the agenda items planned for this year’s meetings. 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 end of October 2021.

East Loch Shiel DMG Autumn 2021 Meeting: -

| AGENDA ITEMS | DISCUSSION POINTS – INFORMATION | RESPONSES - PROGRESS - ACTIONS | Action by |
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| 1. The Chairman’s role. | The Chairman, has been in post for over 6 years and nominations or volunteers for a new chairperson are invited from the membership. | With no volunteers or nominations, the decision is put back to Spring 2022 by which time we hope that normal meetings may resume. | Members |
| 2. Agenda and Progress from Autumn 2020 Agenda and Progress to April 2021. Agree and adopt in lieu of a formal meeting. | Receive comments/approval. | The Autumn 2020 Meeting Agenda and Progress to April 2021 was issued and published on the ADMG website. With no comment’s received - the document is approved in lieu of a formal meeting. | |
| 3. DMP’s. Report on status and updates. | The Action Plan was updated to June 2021. DMP Background Information update - awaiting WWG input. | Current DMP’s & etc. are maintained on the ADMG website | |
| 4. Action Points Summary. Including delivery of Actions. | The Action Points Summary issued was issued June 2021. | Please report on your progress on actions to date. | Members |

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| <p>5. Economic Benefits and Costs of Deer.</p> | <p>A Members Discussion Paper on 'The Economic Benefits and Costs of Deer' Issue 2 May 2021 was prepared and issued to members and immediate stakeholders who were invited to contribute further.</p> | <p>Significant and ongoing emigration of deer through failing FLS forestry fences into the enclosed forestry areas has been identified as diminishing the benefits whilst at the same time increasing the costs of deer within the East Loch Shiel DMG area. (See discussion paper.) Please, feel free to comment/ contribute.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>6. Estate Reports.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cull figures. b. Condition reports. c. Changes in management objectives. d. Deer welfare. e. Shelter and forage availability. f. Poaching and DVC's. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please submit your stag cull returns. b. Please submit your condition reports. c. No changes reported. d. No issues reported. e. No changes of note. f. None reported. | <p>All</p> |
| <p>7. Deer counts/ population assessment.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Late Spring 2021 Recruitment counts and mortality assessments. b. Group range count. c. FLS deer density assessment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Info supplied by Ardgour/Glen Scaddle, Carnoch, Conaglen, Sunart. b. Due no later than 2024. c. FLS issued their Deer Report which was distributed to members and other affected neighbours. Vice-chair responded to FLS expressing deep concern re the reliability of the report, the conclusions and negative implications for the open range neighbours. These concerns are generally shared among the responding open range members. | |
| <p>8. HIA.</p> | <p>Further HIA's were carried out during 2021.</p> | <p>HIA log (Appendix 13 Rev 3A) is updated to June 2021 issued and posted online.</p> | |
| <p>9. Population model and Targets.</p> | <p>Cull figures, mortality and recruitment assessment information was supplied for 2020/21.</p> | <p>The 2021/22 Population Model and Targets (Appendix 15) is updated to June 2021, issued and published online.</p> | |
| <p>10. Woodland</p> | <p>The collaborative woodland project continues to progress.</p> | <p>Fully detailed woodland development applications are now with the agencies for final approval and support.</p> | |

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| 11. Peatland restoration. | 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, closed again, and has now re-opened. | |
| 12. FLS review of the Glen Hurich Land Management Plan. | 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 03/12/2020: - <i>The LMP will be placed in the consultation section of the FLS website for about a month before being submitted to Scottish Forestry for approval. I will let you know when that occurs,</i> No further news. | FLS |
| 13. Lead free ammunition | 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. | All |
| 14. Update from ADMG. | Following R Cooke's retirement Tom Turnbull is the new ADMG Chairman. 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. Publications ADMG (deer-management.co.uk) | All |
| 15. Update from FLS. | FLS are invited to give an update for inclusion in the ELSDMG Autumn 2021 Report. By 15 th November 2021, please. | | FLS |
| 16. Update from NatureScot. | NatureScot are invited to give an update for inclusion in the ELSDMG Autumn 2021 Report. By 15 th November 2021, please. | | Nature Scot |
| 17. Stakeholders/neighbours/public input. | Input is invited. | No Stakeholders/neighbours/public input received. | |
| 18. 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/>