THE LOCHBER DISTRICT SALMON

FISHERY BOARD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (INCLUDING TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS) 10.30am Alexandra Hotel, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2012

MINUTES

In attendance – Michael Mann, Jim Semple, Alan Kennedy, Jon Gibb, David Stewart-Howitt, John Veitch, Grace Henderson.

JG, as the previous Board’s Clerk, opened the meeting.

1. Apologies – these had been received from Stuart Gray, Malcolm Spence, Tom Leslie and Angus Kelly.
2. The Chairman’s report and Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 were both approved
3. Elections

The following proprietors were proposed and seconded by those present as members of the Fishery Board for the next 3 years –

UPPER PROPRIETORS

Tom Leslie Ailort

Grace Henderson Morar (replacing Malcolm Spence QC)

Michael Mann Lochy

Angus Kelly Arkaig (replacing Finlay Clark and mandatory for Cameron of Locheil)

LOWER PROPRIETORS

Jim Semple Shiel

Alan Kennedy Aline (mandatory for Hugh Raven, Ardtornish Estate)

John Veitch Lochy (mandatory for Stuart Gray, RLA)

David Stewart-Howitt Moidart

A very late application from Sir Patrick Grant (Glendessary Estate) was considered. JG explained that the Dessary is a small river at the top of the Lochy/Arkaig catchment and has the smallest levy payable out of all fisheries in the region due to a zero salmon rod catch for many years (currently £15pa). Glendessary Estate have a particular interest in the Mucomir Power station as the river lies above this barrier and Sir Patrick Grant has been representing his interests at hydro meetings for the last few years . After some discussion – which highlighted that the election of another member from the Lochy/Arkaig catchment would result in over half of the proprietor votes on the new Board being assigned to that one catchment – the application for Board membership by Sir Patrick Grant was not supported. However, it was agreed that the Chairman should write to him to inform him he would be very welcome to attend any Board meetings as an invitee and he would also be asked whether he would be willing to continue to attend the ongoing liaison meetings with Scottish and Southern Energy along with all other salmon fishing proprietors in the Lochy/Arkaig catchment.

The following were proposed and seconded to be co-opted to the Board-

Jim McKinlay Coe, co-opted representative for the salmon anglers

Davy Gunn Leven, co-opted representative for the salmon anglers

Kim Malcolm Cuil Bay, co-opted representative for the salmon netsmen

Michael Mann was then proposed, seconded and duly elected as the Chairman of the new Board and took over the proceedings at that point.

Jon Gibb was proposed and seconded to continue as Clerk to the Board

The following advisors were appointed-

Dr Diane Baum Lochaber Fisheries Trust

Cllr Allan Henderson Highland Council

Kenneth Knott Forestry Commission

The following appointments were then made-

Accountants Frame, Kennedy and Forest

Bankers Royal Bank of Scotland

Legal Advisors Fishlegal

7. AOCB – there was none and the meeting closed at 10.50am.