



Constitution of the Association of Salmon Fishery Boards

I. CONSTITUTION AND NAME

The Association shall be called "Association of Salmon Fishery Boards".

The membership shall consist of:

- a. District Salmon Fishery Boards in Scotland (hereinafter referred to as "Boards") duly constituted under the statutory provisions affecting the salmon fisheries of Scotland.
- b. The Commissioners acting under the Tweed Fisheries Acts for the time being in force; and, in this constitution, a reference to a Board includes a reference to the Tweed Commission.
- c. Associate members nominated in accordance with these rules.
- d. Honorary members elected in accordance with these rules.

II. AIM

The aim of the Association is to:

- represent, co-ordinate and promote the interests of Scottish salmon and sea trout fisheries and generally to take such steps as may be desirable for the protection, preservation and development of salmon fisheries of Scotland and having regard for the environment and other fauna and flora.

III. REPRESENTATION

Each Board which is a member of the Association shall be entitled to appoint and send one representative and two delegates from among its members, who, for this purpose, include its Clerk, to attend any General Meeting of the Association. Representatives shall have the right to propose, second or speak to any motion or resolution. Delegates shall only have the right to speak to any motion or resolution. Each Associate member shall be entitled to send one representative and one delegate from among its members or officials who shall have the right to speak to, but not to vote, on any motion or resolution.

IV. ANNUAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such a place and at such a time as shall be decided by Council. Nine representatives shall form a quorum. At least thirty clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting a report by the Council on their proceedings and on the accounts of the Association for the immediately preceding Financial Year, together with the agenda and formal business to be presented, shall be sent by the Director of the Association to each member.

V. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special General Meetings of the Association, of which not less than fourteen clear days notice shall be given, may be called at any time by the Council. A Special General Meeting shall also be called upon not less than fourteen clear days notice by the Director within seven days of the receipt of a requisition in writing signed on behalf of not less than three members of the Association. Nine representatives shall form a quorum.

VI. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

There shall be a President and there may be one or more Vice Presidents of the Association. The President and any Vice Presidents shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election. The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Council and of all Committees. Any persons



interested in salmon fisheries in Scotland shall be qualified for election to these offices. The President, or in his absence, the senior Vice President, or in their absence, the Chairman of Council, whom failing, any duly elected representative, shall take the chair at the General Meetings of the Association.

VII. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

At any General Meeting of the Association, each member (other than an Honorary member or an Associate member) shall have one vote, to be exercised by a representative in person or by proxy, provided that such proxy is a member or a duly appointed official of the Board or is a proprietor of salmon fisheries in the Board's district. The Chairman at any meeting shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

VIII. THE COUNCIL

1. There shall be a Council, which shall have full power to act in the name of the Association, and to do such things as may be deemed necessary or desirable, incidental or conducive to carrying out all or any of the objects of the Association. The Council shall be nominated at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the following members:

- a. The President ex-officio.
- b. A Chairman, who shall normally serve a three-year term shall be nominated by Council. If there are no other candidates his election shall be confirmed by the membership at the AGM. In the event of other nominations for Chairman then the Chairmanship shall be decided by vote at the Annual Meeting. The Chairman shall not normally serve for more than two consecutive terms.
- c. A Vice Chairman who shall be elected annually by the Council from amongst its members and shall be eligible for re-election.
- d. (i) One member shall be appointed to Council by each Board in the top 16 of a list of members ranked in descending order of total annual catch of salmon and sea trout as reported officially to the Scottish Executive or its successors of the salmon fisheries in their districts.
(ii) In the event of any one or more of the Districts specified in 1d (i) above being amalgamated as one district, the amalgamated Board for that district shall appoint one member only.
- e. one member shall be elected annually in respect of each of the following areas by those ordinary members of the Association whose districts are within the specified area but who are not represented under paragraph 1d:

(i) Eastern

the area lying between the southern boundary of the Tweed District and the western boundary of the Nairn District;

(ii) Northern

the area lying between, the western boundary of the Nairn District and the western boundary of the Northern District;

(iii) North West

the area lying between the western boundary of the Northern District and the northern boundary of the Wester Ross District;

(iv) Western Isles

the Western Isles;



(v) Wester Ross & Skye

the area lying between the northern boundary of the Kannaired District and the southern boundary of the Arnisdale District, and including the Isle of Skye;

(vi) Lochaber

the area lying between the southern boundary of the Arnisdale District and the southern boundary of the Lochaber District,;

(vii) Argyll

the area lying between the southern boundary of the Lochaber District and the western boundary of the Eachaig District, and including the islands of Mull, Jura, Islay and Arran;

(viii) Clyde Coast & Ayrshire

the area lying between the western boundary of the Eachaig District and the southern boundary of the Stinchar District; and

(ix) Solway Area

the area lying between the southern boundary of the Stinchar District and the eastern boundary of the Annan District.

The map annexed to this constitution illustrates the areas described above.

- f. No more than four members shall be appointed by the Associate members from amongst themselves.
 - g. Council shall invite the Salmon Net Fishing Association to nominate a person for co-option to Council.
 - h. Council shall invite the Scottish Anglers National Association to nominate a person for co-option to Council.
 - i. Council may invite other organisations each to nominate a representative or representatives for co-option to Council up to a maximum number of six such representatives in all, but always so that the total number of representatives of associate members of the Association and co-opted members of Council does not exceed two thirds of the number of District Board representatives.
 - j. At least thirty clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting confirmation of Council membership in accordance with d.(i) and e. (i)-(ix) will be sought by the Director. The Director may assume the representative for a board will remain the same in the event that such confirmation is not forthcoming seven clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
2. Where a vacancy occurs for an area provided for in e. (i) - (ix) above, the Director shall notify Boards in the area which are not already represented on Council in accordance with d.(i) and request that they nominate and elect between themselves a representative to serve on the Council.
 3. If any member of Council other than the President is unable to attend any meeting of Council, a substitute may be appointed by that member to attend in his place with all the powers of such member.
 4. The Council shall have power to appoint Committees with or without powers.
 5. The Council shall meet at such times as the Council and / or the Chairman may think desirable and shall meet on request in writing to the Director, signed by not less than three members thereof. Seven days notice shall be given of all Meetings of Council. Seven members shall form a quorum.
 6. Any person may be co-opted as a member of a Committee.
 7. Each member of Council, including co-opted members, present at a meeting of Council shall have one vote. The Chairman at any meeting shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee comprising seven members in total. The Executive Committee shall include the Chairman of Council who will act as its Chairman and who shall appoint three members of the Executive Committee including the Chairmen of any standing committees in an ex-officio capacity.



A further three members will be elected by Council. Where a vacancy for a member entitled to be elected by Council occurs, the Director shall notify Council and request nominations within twenty-eight clear days. The nominations will be limited to one per member of Council and must state who is proposing him or her. The names will then be circulated to all members of Council. All votes are to be returned within twenty-one clear days by a date confirmed by the Director. The person receiving most votes will be deemed duly elected and the election will be confirmed at the next meeting of Council. In the event of a tie, Council will select the nominee by a show of hands at the next meeting. The Executive Committee will be empowered to carry out all the responsibilities of Council except for the appointment of the Director, the fixing of subscriptions and any other matter which Council shall reserve to itself from time to time.

X. STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be two Standing Committees. The Chairman of each Committee will be appointed by the Chairman of Council. The first will deal with legislation, statutory functions and specific legal issues. The second will deal with resource management and research.

XI. DIRECTOR

The Director shall be appointed by Council under such terms as it shall determine.

XII. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Association may be rescinded, altered or varied, or new rules may be passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present or represented. Where any motion of any such rescission, alteration or variation, or of any addition to the Constitution is to be made by any member at an Annual General Meeting, at least six weeks notice thereof shall be given by such a member in writing to the Director.

XIII. FUNDS

1. The funds of the Association shall be administered by the Director under the direction of Council. Before incurring any expenditure which is likely to be in excess of the ordinary revenue of the Association or of any fund raised for a special purpose, the Council shall obtain the sanction of a two-thirds majority of the members present or represented at a General Meeting to such expenditure, provided however, that notwithstanding such sanction being given at a General Meeting, no member shall be bound to contribute to such special or extraordinary expenditure.
2. The financial year of the Association shall end on the thirty first day of December in each year.
3. The accounts of the Association shall be audited by such persons as the Council shall from time to time appoint.

XIV. SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. The only financial liability undertaken by a member or associate member joining the Association shall be the Annual Subscription.
2. The subscription for each ordinary member (being member other than Associate, Honorary or Co-opted members) shall be based upon the total latest available 5-year average annual catch of salmon and sea trout in the salmon fisheries in its district for the year previous as reported officially to the Scottish Executive or its successors. The subscription shall be based on a rate per salmon and sea trout being the rate fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. There will be a minimum subscription based on a



putative catch of 250 salmon. In the event that a new rate is not fixed at the Annual General Meeting then the previous year's rate will apply.

3. The annual subscription for Associate members shall be £100 or such sum subsequently agreed at the AGM.
4. Subscriptions shall be payable in advance for each year from 1 January to 31 December by no later than 31 January in that year.
5. In the event of any subscription still outstanding at the Annual General Meeting after the due date, Council shall have the option to terminate membership.

XV. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Association shall have power to invite an organisation to be an Associate Member if it is:

an organisation, associated with one or more district salmon fishery boards whose principal aim is to promote a sound approach to land, water and fish stock management so as to restore and maintain an aquatic environment and stocks of fish that will allow effective salmon fishery management.

XVI. HONORARY MEMBERS

1. The Association shall have power to elect as honorary members any person or persons who in their opinion have rendered signal service to the Association or to any of the objects in which it is interested.
2. Honorary members shall have no vote and shall not be eligible for office in the Association.