

All Party Parliamentary Fisheries Group



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th July, 16:00, Room O, PCH.

Attendance: Melanie Onn MP, David Duigud MP, Liz Saville-Roberts MP, Baroness Wilcox (chairing)

Guests: Euan Dunn & Claire Smith, RSBP.

1. Apologies for absence

Sheryll Murray MP, Lord Tebbit, Angus MacNeil.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved.

3. Presentation by the RSPB on environmental aspects of the Fisheries White Paper

Euan Dunn from the RSPB outlined an environmental approach to our future fisheries management and how the Fisheries Bill can integrate an ecosystem approach in our fisheries system.

Euan welcomed statements by the PM and Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that stated a commitment to putting the environment at the heart of the Fisheries White Paper.

He highlighted why he felt the requirement in the white paper for the Secretary of State to develop policy statement to apply sustainability principles and objectives should go further and put these principles and objectives on the face of the bill.

Euan also showed the direct and indirect impact of fisheries on birds and outlined potential measures, such as CCTV on boats and pro-bird catching practices, that would help stop negative impacts of fisheries on birds.

4. Any other business

None

5. Future meeting

Tuesday 30th October, 4pm, Room A, 1PS:

AGM