



The one-hundredth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 0900 hours on 18 September 2014, at Natural England, Foundry House, 3 Millsands, Riverside Exchange, Sheffield S3 8NH

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Matters arising

This paper deals with points not covered by substantive items on the agenda. Numbers relate to the minutes of the June 2014 meeting. Reporting on action points from the June 2014 meeting is included in Annex 1.

1. Chairman's opening remarks

In June, Professor Gilligan reported on progress in filling two vacancies for independent members on Committee. JNCC's Defra Sponsorship team has progressed this recruitment and interviews are being held on 16 and 17 September.

7. Report from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

At the June meeting, Mr Yeo advised of a delay in the clarification of pension figures that could delay the laying of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013/14 before Parliament.

The figures were clarified following the June Committee meeting and the Annual Report and Accounts were laid before Parliament on 26 June 2014.

13.3 Consideration of possible SACs for harbour porpoise (in confidence)

Matters arising from this agenda item are covered in Annex 2.

Annex 1. Action points from the June 2014 Committee meeting

Agenda item	Action Point	Status
4.4 Matters arising (JNCC 14 N04)	Mr Duke to invite Mr Reader to become a full member of the ARAC. Natural Resources Wales to support Mr Reader's membership of ARAC	Natural Resources Wales have agreed that Nigel Reader will become a member of JNCC's ARAC. He will attend his first meeting in September.
6.4ii End of year performance report (JNCC 14 D07)	The Executive Management Board (EMB) to work with the Defra sponsor team to resolve problems associated with internal staff turnover.	Discussions with Defra sponsor team are ongoing.
6.4iii End of year performance report (JNCC 14 D07)	EMB to review the number of priority performance measures for the coming year.	EMB will consider this during preparation of the business plan for 2015/16.
10.4 Advancing science conservation thinking on protected areas in the UK (JNCC14 P09)	JNCC to organise a workshop with a range of organisations to take the work forward in considering the short, medium and long term approaches to assessing and optimising the effectiveness of protected areas.	<p>A JNCC workshop entitled 'Protected areas now and into the future – their role in biodiversity conservation' will take place at JNCC offices in Peterborough on 24 October. The objectives of the workshop are to a) address the key questions raised by the Joint Committee paper on protected areas, and b) consider the overall conservation vision into which protected areas could fit as part of the conservation toolkit. Discussions will address: successes derived from protected areas; temporal scales; spatial scales; integration with wider countryside measures/ the ecosystem approach; and, reduced, level or increasing resource scenarios. Attendance will primarily be from the NGO and academic communities but country conservation body authors and Chief Scientists have also been invited.</p> <p>A revised version of the paper discussed by Committee in June is now</p>

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		available on the JNCC website. An editorial note has been added to explain the purpose, context and history of the paper, and a few minor edits and corrections have been made.
11.3 Science leadership by Joint Committee (JNCC14 P05)	Science leadership working group to be established to report back to Committee.	Science leadership will be progressed as part of the Committee work on a strategy refresh.
12.6 Report from the MPA sub-group	Dr Kirkpatrick to nominate a replacement member from CNCC for the MPA sub-group.	Ongoing.

Annex 2. Matters arising in relation to possible SACs for harbour porpoise (in confidence)