

GB INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

FIRST MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

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10 MARCH 2021, 11:45 – 13:00

1. Attendance / apologies

The chair welcomed all members of the new GB Invasive Non-native Species Committee

Present:

Richard Pullen (Defra, Chair)
Niall Moore (Non-native Species Secretariat, Secretary)
Chris Graham (Marine Management Organisation)
Christine Maggs (Joint Nature Conservation Committee)
Colin Edwards (Scottish Forestry)
David Jam (Forestry Commission England)
Emilie Hall (Defra - Marine)
Gavin Measures (Natural England)
Jennie Jones (Natural Resources Wales)
Julie Lane (Animal and Plant Health Agency)
Mark Diamond (Environment Agency)
Martin Williams (Welsh Government)
Matthew Bird (Scottish Government)
Olaf Booy (Non-native Species Secretariat)
Sarah Webster (Defra)
Stan Whitaker (NatureScot)

Observing:

Mark Preston (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland)
Richard Gray (Department of the Environment Northern Ireland)

Apologies:

Keith Connal (Scottish Government)
Ben Dipper (Scottish Government)
Nicholas Greenwood (MMO) – replaced by Chris Graham
Neil Riddle (Forestry Commission) – replaced by David Jam
Kath Webster (APHA) – replaced by Julie Lane
Nicola Spence (Defra, Plant Health)

2. Terms of reference of GB Committee

Paper circulated (Cte Mar 21-02)

The terms of reference of the GB Committee were agreed.

3. Terms of reference of GB NNRAF

Paper circulated (Cte Mar 21-03)

The terms of reference of the GBNNRAF were approved for submission to ministers.

4. Post-implementation review of the retained EU Regulation

Paper circulated (Cte Mar 21-04)

There were no substantive comments on the post implementation review / report.

The Board agreed that this should now be submitted in parallel to respective ministers by 19 March 2021.

5. Comprehensive review of the list of species of special concern

Paper circulated (Cte Mar 21-05)

The GB Committee approved the recommendations of this paper and agreed that a task-and-finish sub-group should be set up to develop recommendations for the comprehensive review and wider question of listing and de-listing. This group will report to the next meeting of the GB Committee.

The Committee noted that for species to remain on the list of special concern (or to be added) they must meet the criteria in the retained EU IAS regulation. This is unlikely to be the case for many species that are currently listed.

ACTION 1: GBNNSS to set up the first meeting of the task-and-finish sub-group on the comprehensive review and process for listing / de-listing by end April 2021.

6. Intelligence on list changes proposed by the European Commission

Paper circulated (Cte Mar 21-06)

The Committee noted that the European Commission is likely to propose 33 new non-native species for the list of Union concern in December 2021. The task-and-finish subgroup established under item 5 will include these species as part of their work.

7. Pathway Action Plans

The Committee noted that draft PAPs have been developed and published for zoos, angling, boating and that work on the horticultural PAP is underway. Once PAPs have been developed they will be put to formal consultation. Work on ballast water (the final priority pathway) is with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency

8. AOB

There was no AOB.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be chaired by Scottish Government in September.

ACTION 2: GBNNSS to seeks dates in September for the next GB Committee meeting.
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