

## **GB INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE**

### **SECOND MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)**

#### **BY TEAMS**

**01 OCTOBER 2021, 13:30 – 15:00**

#### **1. Attendance / apologies**

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

*Present:*

Lisa McCann (Scottish Government) – Chair  
Niall Moore (NNSS) - Secretary  
Matthew Bird (Scottish Government)  
Olaf Booy (NNSS)  
Mark Diamond (Environment Agency)  
Colin Edwards (Scottish Forestry)  
Leasa Fielding (Welsh Government)  
Theresa Kudelska (NRW)  
Jo Long (SEPA)  
Christine Maggs (JNCC)  
Gavin Measures (NE)  
Neil Riddle (Forestry Commission)  
Michael Sigsworth (Defra)  
Graham Smith (APHA)  
Des Thompson (NatureScot)  
Sarah Webster (Defra)  
Martin Williams (Welsh Government)

*Observing:*

Mark Preston (DAERA - Northern Ireland)

*Apologies:*

Nicholas Greenwood (MMO)  
Emilie Hall (Defra - Marine)  
Peter Pollard (SEPA) - replaced by Jo Long  
Richard Pullen (Defra) – replaced by Michael Sigsworth  
Nicola Spence (Defra, Plant Health)  
Kath Webster (APHA) – replaced by Graham Smith  
Stan Whitaker (NatureScot)

#### **2. Minutes of first meeting on 10 March 2021**

*Paper circulated (Cte Oct 21-02)*

The minutes were signed off with no modifications.

### 3. Actions and matters arising

*Paper circulated (Cte Oct 21-03)*

All actions had been completed and there were no matters arising.

### 4. Comprehensive review of species of special concern

*Papers circulated (Cte Oct 21-04a, b and c)*

Olaf introduced papers 4a and 4b. Martin queried whether climate modelling was being used for species and Des stressed the need to ensure that any climate modelling was robust. The GB Committee was content with the approaches outlined in both these papers – subject to the provisos outlined above.

Olaf then introduced paper 4c and Leasa (as chair of the task and finish group) added background on the discussions within that group. Sarah mentioned that stakeholders in industry are very interested in species being de-listed while Leasa and Niall pointed out that stakeholders within the eNGO community might be worried if a significant number of species were de-listed. There followed considerable discussion on the approach including noting the approach that the EU Commission takes to Article 4(3) e which the Committee agreed was worth exploring further (i.e. the summary fiches). The Committee agreed with the approach outlined in the paper that risk assessments and other information on CIRCABC will be considered to support the review of the remaining criteria and that, by exception, species thought unlikely to meet the criteria would be considered in more detail. It may be possible to do this using the EU Commission template.

### 5. Draft process for listing species of special concern

*Paper circulated (Cte Oct 21-05)*

Olaf introduced the paper outlining the draft process for proposing and agreeing species for future listing. Des questioned the rather passive elements proposed for stakeholder engagement and suggested that these should be carefully considered to ensure that they are sufficient. Graham asked how many of the species identified by horizon scanning have already been risk assessed. The Committee gave its interim agreement to the general approach, subject to comments following the meeting. The Committee also asked the Secretariat to consider new species for potential listing by looking at horizon scanning species, the species being proposed by the European Commission and other relevant intelligence and to propose species for consideration at the next committee meeting.

<p><b>ACTION 1: All</b> to comment on the proposed approach for listing species – by October 31.</p>
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**ACTION 2:** Olaf to draft a paper on suggested new species that the Committee may wish to consider for listing, to be brought to the next Committee meeting.

## **6. Native species on the list of special concern**

*Paper circulated (Cte Oct 21-06)*

Sarah introduced the paper informing the Board of the opinion of the task and finish group that it is not appropriate to consider native species within the scope of listing as species of special concern. Mark and Jo queried parts of the paper, particularly reference to the WFD as an instrument available for native species to be regulated. The Committee agreed with the recommendation that it is not proportionate to amend legislation to include species native to one part of GB.

## **7. AOB**

There was no AOB.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be chaired by Defra in April.

**ACTION 3:** GBNNSS to seeks dates in April for the next GB Committee meeting.