

COMPLAINT TO OSCR IS COMPLETELY REJECTED.

Some twelve month ago a complaint was made by an individual to OSCR in which, it was alleged, "that the charity trustees were putting their commercial interests ahead of their charity trustees' duties".

The complaint was fully investigated by OSCR, as they are legally bound to do, and eventually a substantial amount of documentary evidence was requested by OSCR in a letter dated 27th September 2013. Wester Ross Fisheries Trust supplied all the necessary documentation promptly to OSCR a few days later.

On 31st December 2013 OSCR informed WRFT of the result of their investigation, which was that OSCR had "not found any evidence to suggest that this (the original complaint) is correct".

Collating and supplying detailed information concerning our activities and the background of the Trustees going back several years is both time consuming and expensive, and detracts from our ability to support wild fish in our local West Coast environment.

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Our ref:MI/INQ/12-2702

31 December 2013

Dear Mr Jarosz

**Wester Ross Fisheries Trust
Scottish Charity Number SC024787**

We write to you as administrator and principal contact for Wester Ross Fisheries Trust (WRFT) to advise that we have now concluded our inquiries. We would be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the charity trustees.

As you are aware, we received a complaint alleging that the charity trustees are putting their commercial interests ahead of their charity trustee duties. We have not found any evidence to suggest that this is correct.

We are content that the charity trustees have a satisfactory conflict of interest policy in place and are aware of the need to manage conflict of interest effectively. It is important that the charity trustees continue to maintain the register of charity trustees' interest and manage conflict of interest in accordance with the charity's Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Charitable Rivers and Fishery Trusts.

We note from the information provided that the charity does not hold an AGM, but instead holds an annual open meeting to which the public are invited, but no minutes are taken. In the interests of transparency and good practice the charity trustees may wish to consider taking minutes of these meetings to ensure any decisions taken are appropriately recorded.

Conclusion

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We thank the charity trustees for the full co-operation with our inquiries into these matters, which we now consider closed.

Yours sincerely



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